



# Information Quality Act to Information Quality Guidelines



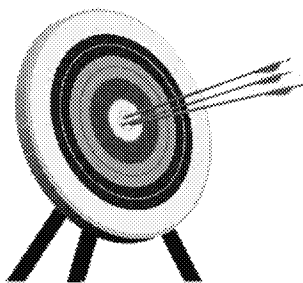
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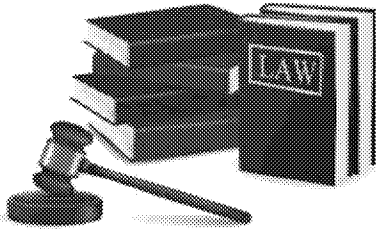




- By the end of this training, you will be able to:
  - Describe the purpose of the IQA
  - Understand the role of OMB
  - Explain the EPA IQGs importance to the EPA Quality Program
  - Know the amount of IQG cases handled by year and organization

### Section 515 of Public Law 106-554

- Known as the Information Quality Act
- Required the Office of Management and Budget to promulgate guidance to agencies ensuring the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by Federal agencies.
  - OMB's government-wide guidelines, published as interim final on September 28, 2001 (66 F.R. 49718) and finalized on February 22, 2002 (67 F.R. 8452), can be found on OIRA's website.
- Federal agencies were also required by Section 515 to publish their own agency specific guidelines no later than one year after OMB's guidelines.







- 2002 - the Office of Management and Budget issued *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies* ("Guidelines").
- By October 1, 2002, agencies must issue their own implementing guidelines that include "administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to seek and obtain correction of information maintained and disseminated by the agency" that does not comply with the OMB guidelines.



- The purpose of this OMB Memorandum issued on April 24, 2019 is to reinforce, clarify, and interpret agency responsibilities with regard to responsibilities under the Information Quality Act (IQA).
- This Memorandum updates implementation of the Office of Management and Budget issued *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies*<sup>2</sup> ("Guidelines")
  - to reflect recent innovations in information generation, access, management, and use, and
  - to help agencies address common problems with maintaining information quality.



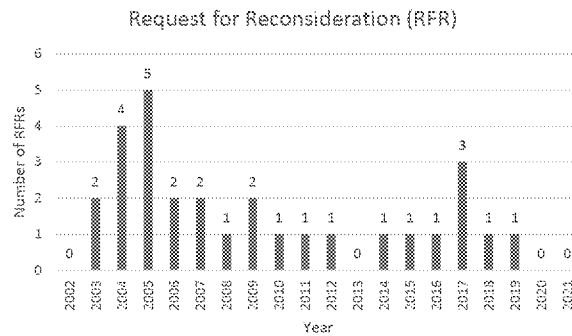
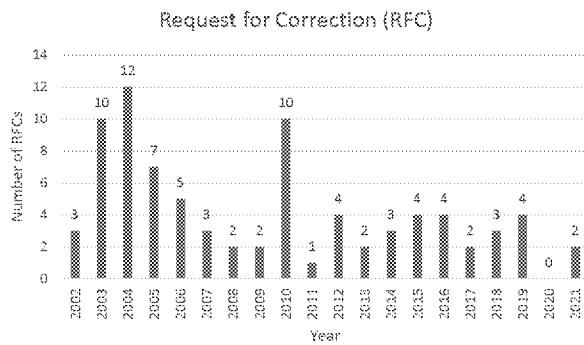
## EPA Information Quality Guidelines (IQGs)



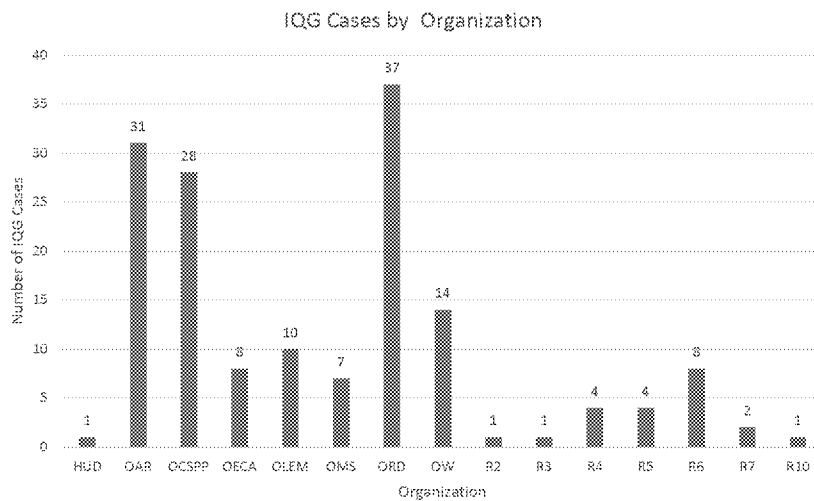
- Developed in response to guidelines issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)<sup>1</sup> under Section 515(a) of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-554; H.R. 5658), the *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency* (the Guidelines)
- Contain EPA's policy and procedural guidance for ensuring and maximizing the quality of information we disseminate.
- The IQGs
  - outline administrative mechanisms for EPA pre-dissemination review of information products
  - describe mechanisms to enable affected persons to seek and obtain corrections from EPA regarding disseminated information that they believe does not comply with EPA or OMB guidelines
    - Request for Correction (RFC)
    - Request for Reconsideration (RFR)



## IQG Cases by Year



# IQG Cases by Organization





- Request for Correction (RFC)
  - RFC 18003 – Ethylene Oxide
  - RFC 19002 – Greenhouse Gas
  - RFC 21002 – Carbon Tetrachloride
- Request for Reconsideration (RFR)
  - RFR 16002A – Ethylene Dichloride

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Environmental Data – Any measures or information that describe environmental processes, location, or conditions; ecological or health effects and consequences; or the performance or environmental technology. For EPA, environmental data include information collected directly from measurements, produced from models, and compiled from other sources such as data bases or the literature. (CIO 2105, May 5, 2000)

Environmental Information - Any data, measurements, or calculations that describe environmental processes, location, or conditions; ecological or health effects and consequences; or the performance of environmental technology, that is utilized to support Agency decisions. Examples of environmental information are data that are derived or collected from samples, analysis, measurements, surveys, produced from models, or compiled from other sources such as databases, software tools, or existing literature, etc. (ASQ/ANSI E4:2014)

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Hi Tracy,

As I was putting together emails to acknowledge the Murray Energy RFC I came across some information that may affect the RFC.

Murray Energy filed for bankruptcy in October 2019 and came out of Chapter 11 last year.

<https://apnews.com/article/kentucky-west-virginia-murray-coal-mining-ohio-bb55b644bd447fa2abc9214fe8362d33>

The question becomes,

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*Life is either a daring adventure...or nothing. H. Keller*









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***RE: Information Quality Act Request for Correction Regarding EPA's 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding***

Dear Director Hollman:

In accordance with the Information Quality Act<sup>1</sup> ("IQA"), 114 Stat. 2763, section 515, and the relevant implementing guidelines. Murray Energy Corporation ("Murray Energy") respectfully submits this Request for Correction ("RFC") regarding EPA's 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding<sup>2</sup> ("Endangerment Finding") and supporting Technical Support Document ("TSD"). For the reasons set forth below, Murray Energy requests that EPA: (1) withdraw the Endangerment Finding and supporting TSD because their development and dissemination failed to meet the requirements of the IQA; (2) cease disseminating and relying on (and advise the public to cease relying on) the Endangerment Finding and TSD until EPA has met all IQA requirements applicable to a "highly influential scientific assessment" ("HISA"); (3) come into compliance with the IQA by subjecting the scientific assessments embodied in the Endangerment Finding and TSD to a HISA-appropriate peer review; and (4) reconsider the scientific assessments embodied in the Endangerment Finding in light of the

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<sup>1</sup> Information Quality Act, also known as the "Data Quality Act," as provided under Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-554, Dec. 2000). The IQA implemented by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") through its Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies, OMB (Jan. 3, 2002), and Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review (Dec. 16, 2004).

<sup>2</sup> Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act, 74 Fed. Reg. 66496 (Dec. 15, 2009).

results of the IQA-compliant peer review and initiate appropriate agency action, including without limitation rescission of the Endangerment Finding.

The IQA directed OMB to issue guidelines for a host of federal agencies — including EPA — to follow in establishing agency-specific guidelines to ensure that information disseminated by that agency is reliable. All covered agencies must provide an administrative mechanism for affected persons to request corrections for information that does not comply with OMB and agency-specific guidelines. EPA has implemented the IQA through the Agency's Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA/260R-02-008 (Oct. 2002) ("EPA Guidelines").<sup>3</sup>

Recently, OMB directed EPA and other covered federal agencies to update their IQA guidelines pursuant to the Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies: Improving Implementation of the Information Quality Act, M-19-15 (Apr. 24, 2019). OMB's memorandum requires that EPA "will not take more than 120 days to respond to an RFC without the concurrence of the party that requested the request for correction." *Id.* at 10. EPA's response must now "contain a point-by-point response to any data quality arguments contained in the RFC and should refer to a peer review that directly considered the issue being raised, if available." *Id.* The revisions mandated in OMB's memorandum were to take effect on July 23, 2019. *See id.* at 2 ("This Memorandum directs agencies to update their guidelines within 90 days ....").

Murray Energy submits this RFC in accordance with EPA's Guidelines and OMB's April 24, 2019 memorandum. *See* Section 8 - Administrative Mechanism for Correction of Information, pg. 30. The EPA Guidelines state that an RFC should include the following:

- The name and contact information of the affected person submitting a complaint, and the identification of the individual to serve as a contact;
- A description of the information the person believes does not comply with EPA or OMB guidelines, including specific citations to the information and to EPA OMB guidelines if applicable;
- An explanation of how the information does not comply with EPA or OMB guidelines and recommendation of corrective action; and
- An explanation of how the alleged error affects or how a correction would benefit the requester.

*Id.* at Section 8.2.

Michael O. McKown shall serve as Murray Energy's point of contact with regard to this RFC.<sup>4</sup> The

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<sup>3</sup> EPA Guidelines are further implemented through: (1) Action Development Process: Guidance for EPA Staff on Developing Quality Actions, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation Regulatory Development Series, EPA (June 30, 2004); (2) Peer Review and Peer Involvement at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA's Peer Review Policy, EPA Administrator (Jan. 31, 2006); (3) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Peer Review Handbook, 3rd Edition, EPA/100/B-06/002, Science Policy Council, EPA (2006); and (4) Assessment Factors: A Summary of General Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Scientific and Technical Information, EPA 100/B-03/001, Science Policy Council, EPA (June 2003).

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information that EPA failed to evaluate and disseminate in accordance with the IQA, as well as how EPA failed to comply with the IQA, is described below in Section B. An explanation of how EPA's error has affected Murray Energy and how a correction would benefit Murray Energy is presented below in Section C. Finally, Murray Energy's recommendation for corrective action is presented below in Section D.

**A. Overview of Murray Energy**

Murray Energy is the largest underground coal mining company in the United States. Murray Energy is also the country's largest employer of coal workers in the underground mining industry, with over 6,000 employees. Murray Energy and its subsidiary companies currently operate 18 active coal mines, located in Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Utah, Alabama, and West Virginia.

Murray Energy produces approximately 76 million tons of bituminous coal each year that it supplies to many of the largest coal-fired electric utility generating facilities in the United States. Murray energy, together with its majority interest in Foresight Energy LP, holds over 4 billion tons of proven and probable coal reserves, which is enough coal to provide reliable electricity to millions of Americans for generations to come. Murray Energy is also engaged in related business operations and activities, including owning and operating four mining equipment manufacturing and rebuild facilities along with a number of river, truck and rail terminals, and 25 river towboats and over 500 coal barges on the inland waterway system.

For more than nine years, Murray Energy spearheaded the United States coal industry's efforts to protect the industry from the destruction wrought by the Obama Administration's illegal and ill-conceived greenhouse gas regulatory agenda, which started with the Endangerment Finding and culminated in the Clean Power Plan ("CPP"). The Endangerment Finding and TSD contain the information, data, studies, and conclusions that provide the legal and factual justification for a series of regulations that unreasonably burden myriad industries that rely upon fossil fuels, including the so-called Tailpipe Rule, the Tailoring Rule and the CPP. No company is better positioned to understand how the absence of adequate peer review during formulation of the Endangering Finding has negatively impacted thousands of hard-working men and women who depend on the coal industry for their livelihoods and, at the same time, jeopardized America's economic and energy security.

**B. The Endangerment Assessment and TSD are fatally flawed by EPA's undisputed failure to perform the unbiased, transparent peer review required under the IQA for such highly influential scientific assessments.**

**1. The Endangerment Finding and TSD embody a highly influential scientific assessment.**

The Endangerment Finding and TSD trigger these requirements because they embody a "scientific assessment" that also qualifies as "highly influential." The definition of the term "scientific assessment" is straightforward and easily applied. "Scientific assessment" means "an evaluation of the body of science or technical knowledge, which typically synthesizes multiple factual inputs, data, models, assumptions, and/or applies best professional judgment to bridge uncertainties in the available information."<sup>5</sup> The Endangerment

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<sup>5</sup> Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review, 70 Fed. Reg. 2664, 2666 & 2671 ("OMB Bulletin").

Finding is explicitly based upon EPA's review of available scientific information, leading to its conclusion that greenhouse gases endanger the public health and welfare of current and future generations. EPA had to weigh the conclusions and information published by organizations like the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC") in deciding which information to present — and which information to exclude — in the TSD. The Endangerment Finding, therefore, purports to encapsulate the body of science and technical knowledge associated with climate change by synthesizing information from voluminous and numerous sources "to bridge uncertainties in the available information."

There is no credible basis for concluding that the Endangerment Finding and TSD do not embody a scientific assessment for purposes of compliance with the IQA. As the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit observed, the material presented in the TSD represented the "evidence" that EPA actively weighed and ultimately relied upon to fulfill its legal mandate in the Endangerment Finding:

Moreover, it appears from the record that EPA used the assessment reports not as substitutes for its own judgment but as evidence upon which it relied to make that judgment. EPA evaluated the processes used to develop the various assessment reports, reviewed their contents, and considered the depth of the scientific consensus the reports represented. Based on these evaluations, EPA determined the assessments represented the best source material to use in deciding whether greenhouse gas emissions may be reasonably anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Endangerment Finding, 74 Fed. Reg. at 66,510–11. It then reviewed those reports along with comments relevant to the scientific considerations involved to determine whether the evidence warranted an endangerment finding for greenhouse gases as it was required to do under the Supreme Court's mandate in *Massachusetts v. EPA*.

*Coalition for Responsible Regulation, Inc. v. EPA*, 684 F.3d 102, 120 (D.C. Cir. 2012).

Indeed, EPA's disingenuous claim that the Endangerment Finding and TSD do not embody a scientific assessment suggests that the Agency issued the finding that formed the legal and factual basis for greenhouse gas regulations imposing billions of dollars in compliance costs without conducting a scientific assessment. If true, the Endangerment Finding was not based on science, but was issued in spite of science using a result-driven approach designed to exclude contrary information. To make matters worse, EPA attempted to hide this information by refusing to allow public participation in the peer review process.

Moreover, the Endangerment Finding and TSD plainly qualify as a "highly influential" scientific assessment. An assessment is "highly influential" if it (1) "could have a potential impact of more than \$500 million in any one year on either the public or private sector," or (2) that the dissemination is novel, controversial, or precedent-setting or has significant interagency interest." OMB Bulletin at 70 Fed. Reg. 2664, 2671. In this case, both criteria were easily satisfied. First, the Endangerment Finding directly triggered EPA's promulgation of greenhouse gas standards for mobile sources under the so-called Tailpipe Rule, greenhouse gas emission standards for major stationary undergoing construction or modification under the so-called "Tailoring Rule," and its attempted reconfiguration of the entire American power system under the CPP. EPA should have therefore recognized that the Endangerment Finding could have a potential impact on the regulated industries and the economy far exceeding \$500 million per year. Second, it is difficult to imagine a more novel, controversial or precedent-setting finding than one that concludes that carbon dioxide — exhaled by every human and animal, and essential to the growth of plant life — endangers public health and welfare.

Because of the highly influential nature of the Endangerment Finding and TSD, OMB and EPA guidelines implementing the IQA mandate that EPA should have applied the highest standard of peer review to ensure that the quality of information disseminated in the Endangerment Finding was independently verified by

the Agency. It is undisputed that EPA failed to do so, even after EPA's own Inspector General made the error known to EPA.

**2. *Murray Energy joins the analysis presented by the Competitive Enterprise Institute in its May 13, 2019 RFC.***

Before relying upon and disseminating a HISA, EPA must adhere to the peer-review requirements found in Section III of the OMB Guidelines, EPA's Peer Review Policy and Peer Review Handbook. The peer review process is designed to ensure that the peer reviewers are fair and balanced, independent, and that no conflicts of interest exist. These provisions also ensure the review process is transparent, provides citizens access to the data used to support the HISA, and affords the public the opportunities for public participation. As EPA's own Inspector General determined, EPA's process failed to meet these standards.

EPA abdicated its responsibility to ensure that the underlying data used to support the Endangerment Finding was properly peer reviewed, in violation of the IQA, by inappropriately assuming that other organizations had already performed compliant peer reviews. The Endangerment Finding, however, is based on EPA's assessment of information primarily provided by the U.S. Global Change Research Program ("USGCRP"), the IPCC, and the National Research Council ("NRC") which is part of the National Academies. However, under OMB Guidelines, information from the National Academies can be excluded from the HISA peer-review requirements found in Section III. *See* OMB Bulletin, Section IV (alternative external peer-review procedure for HISA); *see also* Office of Inspector General's Procedural Review of EPA's Greenhouse Gases Endangerment Finding Data Quality Processes, Rpt. No. 11-P-0702, at 14 (Sept. 26, 2011) ("examples of listed acceptable alternative procedures include relying on scientific information produced by the NAS . . .") ("Inspector General's Report"). EPA was, however, required to independently confirm that the IPCC and USGCRP studies relied upon in the TSD were properly peer reviewed.

On May 13, 2019, the Competitive Enterprise Institute ("CEI") submitted an RFC to EPA pursuant to the IQA, as implemented through EPA and OMB guidelines, regarding the Endangerment Finding and supporting TSD. *See* Attachment 1. CEI's RFC and this RFC are supported by the 2011 Inspector General's Report in which the Inspector General concluded that "EPA's TSD peer review methodology did not meet the OMB requirements for [HISA]." *Id.* at 13. The Inspector General found that EPA failed to make the threshold determination of whether the Endangerment Finding was a HISA, or was merely influential scientific information. *Id.* The Inspector General's Report can be read to infer that the peer reviewers were not fair and balanced because the "panel was made up of 12 federal climate change scientists" and that the peer reviewers were not independent because one of them "was an EPA employee." *Id.* The Inspector General also found that the peer review panel's "findings and EPA's disposition of the findings were not made available to the public as would be required for reviews of [HISA]." *Id.* Moreover, EPA failed "certify that the supporting technical information was peer reviewed in accordance with EPA's peer review policy" and that EPA neglected to "prepare a complete analytic blueprint outlining its approach for reviewing the technical data needed to support its action . . . ." *Id.*

The Inspector General listed five "deviations" of EPA's Action Development Process, which included: (1) not having a workgroup meeting to discuss the options and policies to be considerate at the October 29, 2009, options selection meeting; (2) reducing the time to review options sections meeting materials; (3) not including all reviewing offices' positions in the options selection meeting materials; (4) not documenting the options selection meeting decision; and (5) not providing a complete final Agency review package to the Assistant Administrators/Regional Administrators, workgroup members, and Regulatory Steering Committee representatives/ regional regulatory contacts prior to the final Agency review meeting. *Id.* at 21.

CEI raised eight (8) specific violations associated with the information used by EPA to issue the Endangerment Finding and TSD in violation of the IQA and relevant guidelines:

1. EPA did not consider allowing the public, including scientific and professional societies, to nominate potential reviewers participate in EPA's peer review process;
2. EPA's peer review panel that a substantial conflict of interest because it was larger view in its own work;
3. EPA's peer review panel is not sufficiently independent as it contained an EPA employee;
4. The public was not allowed to participate in the peer review process as required by OMB;
5. EPA's peer review panel did not prepare a Review Report as required by OMB;
6. EPA failed to certify how it complied with the IQA;
7. EPA failed to state how the underlying information used to support the Endangerment Finding met the requirements of OMB; and
8. EPA's use of the IPCC peer review is not adequate to satisfy OMB guidelines on conflict of interest requirements.

Attachment 1 at pp. 3-6.

Murray Energy joins and adopts in full CEI's description and explanation of the violations discussed above that do not comply with EPA or OMB guidelines in violation of the IQA, as well as the failures identified by the Inspector General. In accordance with EPA's requirement that RFCs contain a description and explanation of how the challenged information does not comply with EPA or OMB guidelines, Murray Energy hereby incorporates in this RFC, and therefore will not to reiterate in further detail, the violations identified by CEI.

***C. EPA's 2009 Endangerment Finding has harmed, and continues to harm, Murray Energy, the United States coal industry, and jeopardized America's energy security based on biased information that EPA failed to adequately peer review as required by OMB and the IQA.***

Murray energy has a vital interest in the accuracy and quality of the information used and disseminated by EPA related to greenhouse gas emissions that allegedly contribute to global climate change. Murray Energy and its employees are dependent on the continuing viability and operation of coal-fired electricity generation in the United States. The Endangerment Finding and the subsequent anti-fossil fuel regulations legally premised on that agency action triggered the United States' unprecedented flight from coal-generated power, thereby jeopardizing our Nation's energy security.

The excessive and unjustified fossil fuel limitations spawned by the Endangerment Finding have contributed to the early retirement of well over 500 coal-fired generating plants, representing 59 gigawatts ("GW") of generating capacity through 2016. An additional 1 GW of coal-fired generation will be closed by the end of 2020, bringing coal's share of United States electricity production to as low as 27%. These closures are the functional equivalent of entirely eliminating the combined electricity supplies of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and West Virginia.

In the PJM Regional Transmission Organization alone, which covers all or part of 13 states and 65 million people, 11 GW of coal-fired electricity generation was closed over the past four years, and an additional 20 GW of baseload capacity in the PJM is contemplated for closure. The geographic concentration of these impacts has disproportionately impacted Murray Energy's business.

This devastation has had, and will continue to have, sweeping consequences for the United States. By early 2016, the total value of the American coal industry had declined over a period of five years from \$68.8 billion to \$4.08 billion, a 94% reduction in value. Fifty-two coal companies experienced bankruptcy proceedings, with only four major companies remaining financially solvent. This massive shift imposes unnecessary costs on the power sector that ultimately land on the shoulders of American consumers.

EPA's "War on Coal" has had far-reaching consequences beyond the coal industry. Rural communities in coal producing regions and areas that depend on employment in coal-fired power plants or mining operations are losing millions of dollars in local tax support due to early coal-plant retirement, mine closure and associated job loss. This devastates communities by depriving local businesses, governments, and school districts of the revenues they need to survive.

Moreover, the loss of coal-fired baseload capacity has significantly harmed the resiliency and reliability of America's energy system thereby jeopardizing our Nation's energy security. American citizens are now more susceptible to power outages during extreme weather events than ever before due to overreliance on energy produced from renewables, such as wind and solar, and natural gas. Wind and solar generation contribute nothing to grid resiliency nor grid reliability, because operators cannot increase generation on demand balance load or replace capacity when other plants incur forced outages. Therefore, renewables do not generate enough electricity during extreme weather events to meet America's energy needs.

Replacing coal plants with new gas-fired facilities, or converting coal plants to natural gas, is not the answer, because gas-fired power plants have limited or no storage capacity. Most natural gas plants rely upon "just in time" pipeline delivery systems. These facilities receive gas pursuant to firm gas transportation contracts with natural gas pipelines companies. Coal plants, on the other hand, typically maintain more than 50 days of average burn on-site that can be used when needed. Firm transportation contracts do not provide the same level of reliability as on-site storage because natural gas pipeline operators by law must provide homeowners with natural gas before they provide gas to power plants. During extreme weather events, when demand is highest, natural gas plants are subject to gas supply interruptions because there is not enough natural gas capacity to meet demand.

There is no better illustration of the need to preserve coal-fired baseload generation than the so-called "bomb cyclone" that immersed the eastern United States in extremely cold, windy conditions from December 27, 2017 through January 8, 2018. At least two million Americans lost their power and 22 tragically lost their lives. Without the electricity provided by coal-fired power plants, the devastation of this very short twelve-day event would have been far worse.

The United States Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory issued a report ("NETL Study") analyzing the reliability and resiliency of different sources of electricity generation during the 2017-18 bomb cyclone. The NETL Study confirmed that coal was the single most reliable and resilient form of electricity production during that critical time. Coal and nuclear power provided 89% of the electricity during the bomb cyclone. During this time, coal-fired generation averaged an output level of 46 GW, over 50% greater than the average of 29.8 GW in normal conditions. Indeed, if it were not for the electricity generated by coal-fired power plants, with ample capacity and on-site fuel availability, the power grids would have experienced a



massive 9 to 18 GW shortfall, leading to system collapse.

During this extreme cold snap, coal far outperformed all other fuel sources, particularly natural gas and renewables. At least 37,000 MW of supposedly available natural gas-powered electricity was entirely unavailable due to the priority for home heating use and frozen natural gas pipelines. The ISO New England regional transmission organization confirmed that their region is at major risk of future fuel insecurity due to New England's retirement of coal and nuclear generating capacity and its resulting dependence on natural gas power that relies on "just in time" pipeline delivery.

Revisiting the scientific validity of the information upon which the Endangerment Finding was explicitly based will serve as a critical step in reversing the Nation's unjustified flight from coal and other fossil fuels. Murray Energy is confident that a transparent, balanced and unbiased scientific assessment of *all* relevant information will lead to the conclusion that the use of such fuels does not endanger public health or welfare, particularly in light of the many demonstrable harms that have arisen and will continue to arise from abandoning such fuels.

***D. EPA must withdraw the Endangerment Finding, conduct appropriate peer review of the relevant scientific literature, and then revisit the basis for the Endangerment Finding in light of that proper review.***

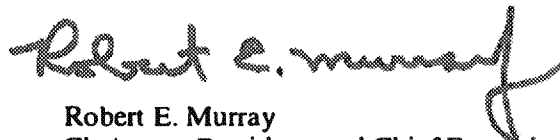
As detailed in Section B above, EPA utterly failed to properly apply relevant OMB Information Quality standards and EPA Guidelines, in violation of the IQA. Consequently, EPA abdicated its core responsibility to make sure that the reliability of the information used and disseminated in support of the highly influential Endangerment Finding was independently verified through a proper peer review process. Based on the aforementioned deficiencies, Murray Energy respectfully requests that EPA promptly withdraw its Endangerment Finding and supporting TSD. The Agency should cease disseminating and relying on (and advise the public to cease relying on) the Endangerment Finding and TSD until EPA has made a determination that complies with the IQA. EPA should then come into compliance with the IQA by subjecting the scientific assessments embodied in the Endangerment Finding and TSD to a HISA-appropriate peer review and reconsider the validity of the Endangerment Finding in light of that review. To the extent that such review casts doubt on the validity of the Endangerment Assessment, as Murray Energy strongly believes any balanced and unbiased peer review will, EPA should initiate appropriate agency action, including without limitation rescission of the Endangerment Finding.

### CONCLUSION

On behalf of Murray Energy, and its ownership, management, and employees, we respectfully submit this Request for Correction.

Sincerely,

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The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) submits this request for correction under the Information Quality Act (IQA), 114 Stat. 2763, section 515, as implemented through EPA and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines. These guidelines were expanded by OMB in a memorandum issued on April 24, 2019.

Under OMB's new requirements, **"agencies will not take more than 120 days to respond to an RFC without the concurrence of the party that requested the request for correction."** For this reason, we expect a response to this request for correction (RFC) within 120 days. In addition, the new OMB guidelines require that, "The agency response should contain a point-by-point response to any data quality arguments contained in the RFC and should refer to a peer review that directly considered the issue being raised, if available." Furthermore, "Agencies should share draft responses to RFCs and appeals with OMB prior to release to the requestor for assessment of compliance with the above norms." Thus, responses to correction requests now need to be reviewed in advance by OMB sufficiently in advance of the 120-day deadline.

We ask EPA to determine that its 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding and supporting Technical Support Document (TSD) do not meet the requirements of the Information Quality Act. As discussed at the end of this document, EPA's Inspector General found many of these deficiencies in a 2011 report to the agency. EPA's response to those findings was inadequate, and those inadequacies are even more obvious in light of OMB's latest guidelines.

Despite this, the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding and TSD are still being distributed and relied upon by EPA and as such are subject to correction requests under the IQA. *See, e.g.,* <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/endangerment-and-cause-or-contribute-findings-greenhouse-gases-under-clean-air-act>. For the reasons described below, the deficiencies should be corrected,

and EPA should cease distributing its Endangerment Finding and TSD until they have gone through the proper peer review process.

### **The 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding Is a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

When EPA issued its 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding, it failed to explain whether it or the accompanying the TSD were “highly influential scientific assessments” (HISA) or whether instead they merely contained “influential scientific information”. As is shown below, both documents are properly viewed as HISAs. This triggers a number of Information Quality requirements that EPA failed to follow.

#### *The 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding is a scientific assessment.*

In the 2009 Endangerment Finding and TSD, EPA evaluated the current state of the science in making its determination; for this reason, these documents are clearly scientific assessments. According to OMB’s Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review, 70 FR 2664 (2005), (“OMB 2005 Final Memo”). “The term ‘scientific assessment’ means an evaluation of a body of scientific or technical knowledge, which typically synthesizes multiple factual inputs, data, models, assumptions, and/ or applies best professional judgment to bridge uncertainties in the available information. These assessments include, but are not limited to, **state-of-science reports**; ... weight of-evidence analyses; meta-analyses; health, safety, or ecological risk assessments.” *Id.* at 2666 (emphasis added).

This characterization of the Endangerment Finding and TSD was ironically supported by EPA itself; in 2010, it stated that it “did not passively and uncritically accept a scientific judgment or conclusion supplied to it by outsiders.” EPA’s Response to the Petitions to Reconsider the Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act, 75 FR 49555, 49581 (2010). Instead, it admitted that it “evaluated all of the scientific information before it, determined the current state of the science on greenhouse gases ... and the degree of scientific consensus on this science.” *Id.* In short, EPA produced a report on the “state of the science on greenhouse gases”, and such “state-of-science reports” are scientific assessments and must comply with the OMB rules for such assessments.

#### *The 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding has been highly influential.*

The OMB 2005 Final Memo defines a “highly influential scientific assessment” (HISA) as those scientific assessments which “(i) Could have a potential impact of more than \$500 million in any year, or (ii) Is novel, controversial, or precedent-setting or has significant interagency interest.” 70 FR 2671.

Many of the regulations issued based on the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding had more than a \$500 million potential impact and as such it must be considered a HISA. To take but one instance, the “Clean Power” Plan, based on the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding, was estimated by EPA to cost \$2.5 billion in compliance costs in 2020, \$3.0 billion in 2025, and \$8.4 billion in 2030. The Clean Power Plan relied upon the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding.

Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units, 80 FR 64661, 64679 (2015). These costs far exceed the \$500 million threshold for a HISA. In the Medium/Heavy Duty GHG Emission rules, EPA estimated it would cost \$6.5 billion in Vehicle Program Costs in 2040 and \$7.5 billion in 2050 (both using 2013 dollars). Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles-Phase 2, 81 FR 73478, 73482 (2016). The Light-Duty car emission costs are no better. EPA estimated \$2 billion in annual technology costs for cars in 2017 (in 2010 dollars). 2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards, 77 FR 62623, 62920 (2012). Those costs increase to \$27 billion in 2050 (undiscounted 2010 dollars). *Id.* Many other similar regulatory actions relying upon the Endangerment Finding have costs exceeding \$500 million.

The 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding was also novel, controversial, and precedent-setting; as such, it is a HISA on that basis as well. That there have been more than a dozen petitions for reconsideration by various organizations shows how controversial this decision was and continues to be. 75 FR 49555 (denial of ten petitions in 2010); <https://bit.ly/2PYW7ed> (pending petition of the Competitive Enterprise Institute and the Science and Environmental Policy Project); <https://bit.ly/2HbAiFz> (pending petition of the Concerned Household Electricity Consumers Council); <https://bit.ly/2PWrf16> (pending petition of the Texas Public Policy Foundation). As to its novel nature, never before had EPA issued an Endangerment Finding under the Clean Air Act for a greenhouse gas. And as to its precedent-setting nature, EPA used the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding as precedent in its 2015 point source assessment of electric generating units. 80 FR 64509, 64517. The inter-agency interests are also massive, given the duty of NHTSA and other agencies to regulate in other areas involving GHGs, such as CAFE.

EPA's failure to properly apply OMB Information Quality standards led to a variety of problems with the peer review process, all in violation of the IQA. These violations include:

- 1) **EPA did not consider allowing the public, including scientific and professional societies, to nominate potential reviewers.** Per Section III, part 3(a), of OMB 2005 Final Memo, "Agencies shall consider requesting that the public, including scientific and professional societies, nominate potential reviewers." 70 FR 2675. That was not done by EPA for the 2009 Endangerment Finding. The EPA Inspector General report, discussed below on pages 6-7, stated that "the Agency did not consider asking the public to nominate reviewers." But EPA utilized an entirely internal process with no consideration given to outside nomination of peer reviewers.

The OMB 2005 Final Memo requires that, "The group of reviewers shall be sufficiently broad and diverse to fairly represent the relevant scientific and technical perspectives and fields of knowledge." However, with respect to the Endangerment Finding, all of the peer reviewers were federal employees rather than a "broad and diverse" group. No member of the public, including any private sector scientist, engineer or other profession, was on

the peer review panel. This is the likely result of a process that excludes such individuals in the selection of who the peer reviewers are, as occurred here.

- 2) **The peer review panel had a substantial conflict of interest because it was largely reviewing its own work.** Under Section III, part 3(b), of the OMB 2005 Final Memo, the agency is responsible for making sure the peer review panel has no conflicts of interest in evaluating the material it reviews. 70 FR 2676. But for the 2009 Endangerment Finding, the individuals selected for the peer review panel by EPA had leading roles in developing the assessment reports cited in that document. For instance, Susan Solomon was the Co-Chair of the IPCC AR4 Working Group I relied upon by EPA. Another example is Virginia Burkett, who both was an author on IPCC AR4 WGII and the USGCRP report relied upon by the 2009 Endangerment Finding TSD. They were effectively asked to judge their own work.

This approach is contrary to EPA's own procedures at the time. "Since it would probably result in a perceived, if not real, conflict of interest, the group that is generating the work product usually cannot conduct or perform the peer review of its own work product." EPA, Agency Peer Review Handbook, 3rd Edition, pg. 37, <https://bit.ly/2W3oTQF> (a newer version of the report was issued in 2015, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition was used at the time). The handbook notes that a conflict of interest exists "when their professional standing and status or the significance of their principal area of work might be affected by the outcome of the peer review." *Id.* at 64. Likewise, the National Academy of Sciences' policy on conflict of interests notes "an individual should not serve as a member of a committee with respect to an activity in which a critical review and evaluation of the individual's own work, or that of his or her immediate employer, is the central purpose of the activity, because that would constitute a conflict of interest." National Academy of Sciences, Conflict of Interest Policy, <http://www.nationalacademies.org/coi/>. The relationship between the peer reviewers and the authorities that the 2009 Endangerment Finding claimed to "most heavily rely upon" are shown in Attachment A.

- 3) **The peer review panel was not sufficiently independent as it contained an EPA employee.** Under Section III, part 3(c), of the OMB 2005 Final Memo, "the agency—or entity selecting the reviewers—shall bar participation of scientists employed by the sponsoring agency unless the reviewer is employed only for the purpose of conducting the peer review (i.e., special government employees)." 70 FR 2676. One of the 12 peer reviewers for the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding was an employee of EPA and was not hired just for peer review, which clearly violates this requirement.

- 4) **The public was not allowed to participate in the peer review process.** Under Section III, part 5, of the OMB 2005 Final Memo:

Whenever feasible and appropriate, the agency shall make the draft scientific assessment available to the public for comment at the same time it is submitted for peer review (or during the peer review process) and sponsor a public meeting

where oral presentations on scientific issues can be made to the peer reviewers by interested members of the public. When employing a public comment process as part of the peer review, the agency shall, whenever practical, provide peer reviewers with access to public comments that address significant scientific or technical issues.

70 FR 2676.

This simply was not done by EPA. EPA never allowed the public to participate in the peer review process. EPA did not allow the draft scientific assessment to be available to the public when it was submitted for peer review. EPA did not sponsor a public meeting or make public comments on the draft available to the peer reviewers. It didn't even try to comply with the OMB guidelines in this area.

In fact, the peer review panel's questions and responses have never been made public. This is despite the OMB 2005 Final Memo, which states: "When peer review of government reports is considered, the case for transparency is stronger, particularly when the report addresses an issue with significant ramifications for the public and private sectors." 70 FR 2670.

- 5) **No Peer Review Report was prepared.** The OMB 2005 Final Memo states "Section III(6) requires that agencies instruct reviewers to prepare a peer review report that describes the nature and scope of their review and their findings and conclusions." 70 FR 2672. No peer review report was done, nor was the panel instructed to create such a report by EPA, as required to do by OMB guidelines.
- 6) **EPA failed to certify how it was complying with the IQA.** Section VII of the OMB 2005 Final Memo requires an agency to include in the administrative record a certification explaining how the agency complied with the OMB IQA peer review requirements. 70 FR 2673. EPA failed to do so, and as such did not provide an opportunity for the public to comment on whether the method used by the agency was sufficient.
- 7) **EPA did not state how the underlying information supporting the Endangerment Finding met the requirements of the OMB Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review.** Under the OMB 2005 Final Memo, and as emphasized in the OMB guidelines issued on April 24, 2019, "When using scientific information, including third-party data or models, to support their policies, agencies must ensure compliance with the requirements of OMB's Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review." EPA failed to explain why the use of the data and models of the IPCC, NRC, and USGCRP meet the requirements of the OMB Information Quality Bulletin. EPA just assumed that its peer review procedures are adequate, while the guidelines only presume that NAS peer review procedures are adequate.
- 8) **IPCC peer review is not adequate to satisfy OMB guidelines on conflict of interest requirements to be used.** As noted above, the new OMB guidelines require that "When

using scientific information, including third-party data or models, to support their policies, agencies must ensure compliance with the requirements of OMB's Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review." The OMB 2005 Final Memo, in Section II part (3)(b), on conflicts of interest require that "in selecting peer reviewers who are not government employees, adopt or adapt the National Academy of Sciences policy for committee selection with respect to evaluating the potential for conflicts."

The National Academy of Sciences policy for committee selection requires that: at the time of appointment, each committee member is required to list all professional, consulting, and financial connections, as well as to describe pertinent intellectual positions and public statements by filling out a confidential form, 'Background Information and Confidential Conflict of Interest Disclosure.' The committee appointment is not finalized until the institution completes a review of information regarding potential conflicts of interest and bias.

National Academies, Getting to Know the Committee Process, pg. 6, [https://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/dbasse/site/documents/webpage/dbasse\\_086051.pdf](https://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/dbasse/site/documents/webpage/dbasse_086051.pdf).

No such information or form is required from members of the IPCC peer review committees. As such, the IPCC does not meet the OMB requirements for peer review selection for conflicts of interest and cannot be directly relied upon under the IQA as EPA did in this case. When questioned about this by the IG, EPA admitted that "IPCC procedures do not explicitly contain 'conflict of interest' language." IG Report pg. 70. While EPA said it was not aware of any conflicts of interest affecting the quality of IPCC reports, the OMB requirements ensure such problems do not occur in the first place by requiring the safeguards used by the National Academy of Sciences. As there is not appropriate conflict of interest protection in the IPCC procedures, under the OMB guidelines, an EPA peer review panel would have to evaluate the scientific basis of IPCC's conclusions.

The failures by EPA to do a proper peer review as required by the OMB and EPA guidelines for the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding undermine the quality of the information disseminated by EPA.

#### **EPA's Inspector General Concluded EPA Failed to Follow IQA Guidelines**

Less than two years after EPA issued its Endangerment Finding, the EPA Inspector General did an independent evaluation of whether EPA properly followed OMB peer review guidelines. He found that EPA had failed to do so. According to the Inspector General: "We interpreted OMB's guidance to indicate that the TSD was a highly influential scientific assessment. EPA's peer review did not meet all OMB requirements for such documents." *Procedural Review of EPA's Greenhouse Gases Endangerment Finding Data Quality Processes*, Report No. 11-P-0702, pg. 13 (September 26, 2011). The EPA Inspector General found, among others, that:



- As to OMB requirements for peer reviewers with “broad and diverse” views, the IG noted that “all were federal employees and all had leading roles in developing the assessment reports cited in the TSD.” IG Report pg. 67.
- An EPA employee was on the peer review panel, which is an explicit violation of the OMB requirements.
- “[P]ublic opportunity to comment on a document is not public participation in the peer review” (IG Report pg. 68) and the failure of EPA to provide public input into the peer review process violates OMB requirements.
- There was no peer review report, contrary to OMB requirements. IG Report pg. 69.
- The EPA process did not even meet the requirements of an influential scientific information due to the lack of a peer review record, peer review report, EPA response to peer reviewers, and approval of such a response. IG Report pg. 83.

Despite the IG’s documentation of these and other errors, EPA refused to correct them. It claimed the 2009 Endangerment Finding was not a scientific assessment on the dubious ground that it relied entirely upon the conclusions made by the IPCC and other outside sources. But even if such state-of-science reports rely on outside sources, they are still considered scientific assessments by OMB. This is because of the judgment that EPA must exercise in its use of them: it must decide which outside sources to rely upon, and how much weight to give to each of those sources.

It is time that EPA correct the Information Quality Act errors that the Inspector General identified.

### **EPA Should Stop Disseminating the Endangerment Finding Until a Valid Peer Review Process Is Completed**

The Information Quality Act guidelines require an agency to follow the proper peer review process before a scientific assessment can be disseminated. No valid peer review process was done for the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding. Until such a peer review process is validly completed, under the OMB guidelines, EPA should stop disseminating this scientific assessment.

Given the failure of that finding to be properly peer-reviewed, the only way for EPA to disseminate it is with the disclaimer “This information is distributed solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. It has not been formally disseminated by [the agency]. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any agency determination or policy.” OMB Final Guidelines, Section I, Part 3, 70 FR 2674. This disclaimer obviously would not be appropriate to the current 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding, and, as such, dissemination should end.

EPA should then restart the process of peer reviewing the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding. Lastly, EPA will have to reconsider the findings of the 2009 GHG in light of this new peer review process, taking into account objections and problems raised by the peer reviewers and the public.

By withdrawing the Endangerment Finding and then restarting the peer review process for it, EPA can ensure that there is confidence in the quality of the information being disseminated.

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# **Attachment A**

**Attachment A: Relationship of Peer Reviewers to References Upon Which  
EPA Relied Most Heavily for its 2009 Endangerment Finding**

Virginia Burkett	<p>Author of IPCC AR4 WGII</p> <p>Reviewer of NRC Potential Impacts of Climate Change on U.S. Transportation (2008)</p> <p>Author of USGCRP Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States (2009)</p> <p>Author of CCSP SAP 2.1: Scenarios of GHG Emissions and Atmospheric Concentrations (2007)</p> <p>Author of CCSP SAP 3.1: Climate Change Models (2008)</p> <p>Author of CCSP SAP 4.1: Coastal Sensitivity to Sea Level Rise (2009)</p> <p>Lead Author of SAP 4.7: Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on Transportation Systems (2008)</p>
William Emanuel	Reviewer of IPCC AR4 WGII
Anthony Janetos;	<p>Lead Author of IPCC AR4 WGII</p> <p>Author of NRC Potential Impacts of Climate Change on U.S. Transportation (2008)</p> <p>Author of USGCRP Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States (2009)</p> <p>Provided guidance and support for CCSP SAP 4.2: Thresholds of Change in Ecosystems (2009)</p> <p>Lead Author of CCSP SAP 4.3: Agriculture, Land Resources, Water Resources, and Biodiversity (2008)</p> <p>Reviewer for CCSP SAP 4.7: Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on Transportation Systems (2008)</p>
Thomas Karl;	<p>Reviewer of IPCC AR4 WGI</p> <p>Author of NRC Climate Change Science: An Analysis of some Key Questions (2001)</p> <p>Author of NRC Potential Impacts of Climate Change on U.S. Transportation (2008)</p> <p>Co-Chair and Editor-in-Chief of USGCRP Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States (2009)</p> <p>Author, Editor, and Executive Team of CCSP SAP 1.1: Temperature Trends in the Lower Atmosphere (2006)</p> <p>Co-Chair of CCSP SAP 3.3: Weather and Climate Extremes in a Changing Climate (2008)</p> <p>Reviewer for CCSP SAP 4.7: Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on Transportation Systems (2008)</p>
Gavin Schmidt	<p>Reviewer of IPCC AR4 WGI</p> <p>Reviewer of CCSP SAP 1.2: Past Climate Variability and Change in the Arctic and at High Latitudes (2009)</p> <p>Reviewer of CCSP SAP 3.4: Abrupt Climate Change (2008)</p>

Susan Solomon;	Co-Chair, IPCC WGI Reviewer of NRC Climate Change Science: An Analysis of some Key Questions (2001) Reviewer of USGCRP Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States (2009) Reviewer of CCSP SAP 2.3: Aerosol Properties and Climate Impacts (2009) Reviewer of CCSP SAP 2.4: Trends in Ozone-Depleting Substances (2008)
Thomas Wilbanks	Lead Author of AR4 WGII Author of USGCRP Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States (2009) Author of CCSP SAP 4.5: Effects on Energy Production and Use (2007) Lead Author of CCSP SAP 4.6: Analyses of the Effects of Global Change on Human Health (2008)
Phil DeCola	Executive Office/Liason for Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States (2009) NASA Representative for the CCSP SAP 2.1: Scenarios of GHG Emissions and Atmospheric Concentrations (2007) Author of CCSP SAP 2.3: Aerosol Properties and Climate Impacts (2009) Led the initial discussions that resulted in the inclusion of SAP 2.4: Trends in Ozone-Depleting Substances (2008)
Linda Joyce	Reviewer to CCSP SAP 4.2: Thresholds of Change in Ecosystems (2009)
Anne Grambsch, EPA Employee	Lead Author of CCSP SAP 4.6: Analyses of the Effects of Global Change on Human Health (2008)
Jerry Hatfield;	Principal Author EPA Impacts of Global Change on Regional U.S. Air Quality (2009) Author of USGCRP Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States (2009) Author of CCSP SAP 4.3: Agriculture, Land Resources, Water Resources, and Biodiversity (2008)
Michael McGeehin	Author of CCSP SAP 4.6: Analyses of the Effects of Global Change on Human Health (2008)

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**Subject:** IQG Requests status

Katherine,

Here is the email to send to Jeff with the RFC/RFR status. I wrote it from the perspective that Jeff will send an email to Vaughn with this info.

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**To:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** RFC and RFR Status

Hi Jeff - - Below is the information you requested at today meeting. Please feel free to share this information as well as our tracking table link with Vaughn. We've also provided you with a DRAFT email to send to Vaughn

There are currently four open IQG items. Two RFCs and two RFRs. Of these, three are well over the 120-day response target. Days shown are as of January 14, 2021

**[IQG Number – Title, Information Owner, Requestor, Total days since receipt of RFC/RFR]**

1. RFC #21001 – Greenhouse Effect, OAR, Dr. Tinker, 86 Days
  - Draft RFC response in OAR management review prior to sending to OMB for their comments
2. RFC #19002 – Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding, OAR, CEI, 612 Days
  - Delayed in OAR Immediate Office
3. RFR #17002A – Chloroprene, ORD, Denka, 905 Days
  - Peer review of PBPK Model complete. Scoping Team will meet within the next two weeks as team member schedules permit to re-initiate the RFR process.
4. RFR 16002A – Ethylene Dichloride, OCSPP, ACC, 507 Days
  - Delayed in OCSPP

This information is provided in a table on the EQMD SharePoint site

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Beautiful!!

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**Importance:** High

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Thank you!

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**Subject:** IQGs - Request Your Assistant

Good morning Jeff - - We would appreciate if you would send the email we prepared to Vaughn. The purpose of this email his for Vaughn to contact his counterparts and see if we can get any movement with the two RFCs and one RFR listed in the table below.

Thank you!

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**Subject:** RE: IQGs - Request Your Assistance

This looks great. Please forward to Austin, David and Erin. Thank you!

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**Subject:** IQGs - Request Your Assistance

Hi Jeff - - We recommend sending Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)  
The purpose of these emails are for Vaughn to contact his counterparts and see if we can get any movement with the one RFC and one RFR (long overdue) listed in the table below. We included the ORD Chloroprene RFR on the table for completeness. However, we don't believe Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)  
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Please let me know if I may send these forward.

Thank you!

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Hi Erin, David and Austin – Below is a status update for the open IQG Request for Correction (RFC) and Request for Reconsideration (RFR). Erin recommended **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Please note there are

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Active as of January 14, 2021

*Points of Contact:*

**OCSPP – David Fischer**, DAA (202) 564-2665  
- Angela Hofmann, IQG Contact (202) 564-0258  
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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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**Sent:** 1/14/2021 3:19:32 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** IQG assistance from AAs

Hi Katherine,

Below is an email for you to send to Jeff. Then the email for Jeff to send to Vaughn. Then the email for Vaughn to send to OAR and OCSPP DAAs. Whew! 😊

Hoping they hit the mark.

Bob

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Thank you!!

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*Life is either a daring adventure...or nothing. H. Keller*



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**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:54 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
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Looking forward to tomorrow, ☺

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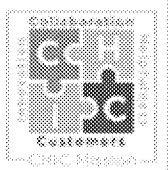
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#### Open

Pending Information Owner Action:

OCSPP - RFR 16002, EDC

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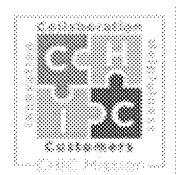
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RQAMs supposed to meet today, should I try to get updates from Sala, prior to distribution or no?

*Connie Thoma*

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A special reminder that we have an RFR IQG Panel meeting scheduled this coming Monday, March 30 Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Please let me know if you'd like me to set-up a meeting to review this IQG update.

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➤ **Background:**

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➤ **Path Forward**

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- Peer Review documents provided to Panel Members include:
  - 2-page [ [HYPERLINK](#)

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**2) CEI letter on RFR determination concerning BBWA**

➤ **Issues:**

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➤ **OGC input**

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- Backlog of final responses and 3<sup>rd</sup> party correspondence related to open IQG cases are now up to date.

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- Completed EQMD review on Mar. 23, provided checklist back to submitter
- Working with submitter to address comments and edits this week.

**Status Updates on Open RFC Cases**

*Summary / Status:*

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**Requests for Reconsideration (RFR) IQG Cases**

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** Kirby, Kevin <KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: IQG updates for CIO

Hi Kevin - - As we discussed please only **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**From:** Kirby, Kevin <[KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV](mailto:KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV)>  
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**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** IQG updates for CIO

Hi Katherine'

Here is my initial pass at the note and table to send Vaughn on our active IQGs.  
Your review and feedback would be greatly appreciated.

On separate tasking, I've been **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**  
KjK

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Message

**From:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/27/2020 3:07:17 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**CC:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]; Collard, Erin [Collard.Erin@epa.gov]; Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]; Alvarado, David [alvarado.david@epa.gov]; Kirby, Kevin [KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV]; Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
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*Points of Contact:*

**OCSPP - Lek Kadeli**, Acting DAA (202) 564-2910  
 - Angela Hofmann, IQG Contact (202) 564-0258  
**OAR – Betsy Shaw**, Acting DAA (202) 564-1447  
 - Kelly Rimer, IQG Contact (919) 541-5368

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

*Katherine*

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**Sent:** 4/14/2020 5:00:50 PM  
**To:** Kirby, Kevin [KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV]; Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**Subject:** RE: CEI Caller

OK, thank you Kevin.

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**From:** Kirby, Kevin <KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>; Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Subject:** RE: CEI Caller

A clarifying note on CEI's Devin Watkins:

He was the submitter on behalf of CEI challenging the Green House Gas Endangerment Finding ([RFC 19002](#)). We have received numerous inquiries from him at the staff level since he submitted this RFC back in May of 2019.

As you may recall, this is still stalled in the OAR front office.

Kevin

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>; Kirby, Kevin <KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV>  
**Subject:** RE: CEI Caller

Jeff and Vaughn - - My apologies for just responding I was in a meeting with the Regional QA Managers. Yes, Devin Watkins is from CEI and I too received several phone calls from him in Dec and Jan checking on the status of the BBWA. That said, all our [open and closed IQG challenges](#) are posted on the Internet, to include 3<sup>rd</sup> party information.

I've attached the link above which will take you to BBWA. Jeff, please let us know if you would like us to respond to Mr. Watkins.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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I'll get with Katherine for the complete story and let you know and provide a recommendation.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: CEI Caller

Aren't those studies published

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**From:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** CEI Caller

FYI

I just got a call from someone who identified themselves as being with CEI. Devin(Evan?) Watkins.

They are sending me an email requesting access to the peer reviewed study.

We will discuss present recommended next steps upon receipt of the email and the specific request.

Jeff

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**Sent:** 4/16/2020 2:02:20 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** IQG updates for 4/16/2020  
**Attachments:** IQG Updates 20200416.docx

Hi Katherine,  
Here's the latest with IQGs...  
KjK

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**Katherine** – Here is a brief update of our IQG portfolio as of April 2, 2020, including progress made on identified priorities.

**Priorities:**

**1) Reconvene the RFR Executive Panel for Anthraquinone (RFR 18001A)**

➤ **Background:**

- [ HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-05/documents/rfc18001\_anthraquinone\_20180406\_0.pdf" ] - *This RFR concerns a reference study used by ORD that was conducted by the National Institute of Health (NIH). NIH dealt with four separate IQG requests, two that advanced to RFR. All IQG challenges were denied by NIH.* [ HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/rfc\_18001\_-\_epa\_response.pdf" ], *denying request, sent Sept. 18, 2018*

➤ **Path Forward**

- CIO re-scheduled Executive Panel meeting to April 3, 11:00AM
- 2-page [ HYPERLINK

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) - SharePoint Link provide panel members w/ links to background materials, including Peer Review documents to determine whether study was conducted in conformance with EPA IQGs.

**2) CEI letter on RFR determination concerning BBWA**

➤ **Issues:**

- RFR Executive Panel determination made on Jan. 15, 2020 that BBWA was conducted in conformance with IQGs.
- Respondent (CEI) challenges Executive Panel on Jan. 30, submitting letter citing multiple alleged inconsistencies in IQG process, including CIO's role

➤ **OGC input**

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### **3) Manage the Uploading of IQG artifacts into the Drupal web page environment**

#### ➤ **Activities to date:**

- Met with Aldo this week to discuss multiple notices from the Drupal Admin services desk citing expiring web pages on archived artifacts. Developing strategy among Aldo Connie and Kirby to address these notices.
- Backlog of final responses and 3<sup>rd</sup> party correspondence related to open IQG cases are now up to date.

### **4) Review of Region 7 QMP, submitted Mar. 4, 2020**

- Mar. 23 - Completed EQMD review on QMP, provided checklist back to submitter
  - Working with submitter to address comments and edits last week.
  - Preparing approval package to submit up the management chain

### **Status Updates on Open RFC Cases**

*Summary / Status:*

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  - Currently stalled in OAR IO. *Held up for 14 weeks now*
  - 3/25 - Elevated this to management. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
  - 12/5 – OMB signs off on draft response.

### **Requests for Reconsideration (RFR) IQG Cases**

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**Sent:** 4/30/2020 2:59:29 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Thoma, Connie [Thoma.Connie@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** IQG Transition update  
**Attachments:** IQG-Officer-Contact.xlsx; IQG Updates 20200430.docx

Good Morning!

In advance of our meeting, here is the latest IQG Update and an updated IQG Point-of-Contact spreadsheet.

Looking forward to our meeting!

KJK

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Katherine – Here is a brief update of our IQG portfolio as of April 30, 2020.

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- **Executive Panel met April 3, and voted to uphold RFC response**
- Draft response prepared by EQMD Apr. 10 and reviewed by Scoping Team Apr. 17
- **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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  - Informed on April 17 that the response was sent out Dec. 18, 2019. **Case closed**
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There are 3 letters suggested:

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I'm working on 'em....

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**To:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Thoma, Connie [Thoma.Connie@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** IQG Letters going out from EQMD Director's desk  
**Attachments:** IQG Transition notes 04302020.docx

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Kirby, Kevin has shared a OneDrive for Business file with you. To view it, click the link below.



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Hi Katherine –

Here are the 3 notes I suggest going out under your signature advising the IQG faithful to the latest shifts in staffing. Thanks for pivoting in so quickly now that the shift is upon us!

KJK

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## Transition letters to IQG POCs

There are 3 letters suggested to go out with the IQG Transition:

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**To:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Thoma, Connie [Thoma.Connie@epa.gov]; Kirby, Kevin [KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV]  
**Subject:** RE: OIG Audit - Response  
**Attachments:** EQMD Internet and Intranet Update Tracking .xlsx

Hi Katherine,

Please find attached the most up to date Internet and Intranet Update Tracking Table.

We started tracking the Changes to the Managing the Quality of Environmental Data Domain, which has approx. 400 pages, as of Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Thanks,

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*A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving. – Albert Einstein*

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**Subject:** OIG Audit - Response  
**Importance:** High

Hello all - - This will be the first of several emails I will be sending out. Only the person or person(s) in the TO; line need to respond. If you are on the cc: line please do not respond; however, I will be including everyone for transparency purposes only. From the date I send this email out, each person responsible for

the action will have one business day to respond to me. Again, **OIG Audit work takes priority over everything else.**

Please let me know if you have any questions. So with that said, Aldo the first one is for you.

Since you've been tracking updates to the web please provide me a table showing:  
Internet/Intranet/Month/# of updates made that month/One word description of the high level change (i.e., contacts, training, IQG, documents, etc.).

Also, please provide me the date we started tracking the changes you make and confirm how many pages in the Quality Domain (~400 is that correct?)

If you have any questions please call me first thing in the morning. Thank you!

*Katherine*

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Replaced SOPs/SESD
Update Document Page
Organization Name Corrections/Updates
Created new subheading on Landing Page of RFCs & RFRs to better track Open IQG Cases
QA Planning Page, ATP for CWA
IQG Page Additions and Updates

#### Quality Specifications for non-EPA Organizations to do business with EPA

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RFCs 19004, 19003, 19002 and 19001
RFR #12004A
RFCs 04019, 04023, 04023 3rd Party,
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ORD, 1979 Handbook For Analytical Quality Control In Water and Wastewater Laboratories
OST Memo from 2007: Flexibility to Modify Clean Water Act Methods
Denka Third Party, 19001A, Response to IQA Alert
R6, QAM change on Support for Environmental Assessment Grants for Tribes in Region 6
Region 1 - Regional Staff Updated
EPA Response to RFC 18002
Region 4 - Regional Staff Updated
FQs about EPA's Quality System
FAQ update, QMP Checklist Corrections to Org.
RFR 18001 - Anthraquinone; RFR 16002 - EDC; RFR 17002 - Chloroprene; RFC 18003 - Ethylene Oxide; RFC 19002 - GHG Endangerment Finding.
Region 9 - Regional Staff Updated
18002, 19003, Main IQG Page
Corrected misspelling of scheduled. Added direct links to Requirements documents. Placed (R-2) and (R-5) directly after the titles of the documents to make it clearer to the customer the "shorthand" reference for the documents in the text that follows.
Updated OMS/EI - OEI, Assistant Administrator Environmental Information - Administrator Office of Environmental Information, Enterprise Quality Management Division for Quality Staff, over 40 Quality Systems - over 30 Quality Systems, ORD Centers and Laboratories - ORD National Research Centers and Laboratories (Regional Lab NPM role). Corrected errors: Environmental was used where Enterprise should be (initial edits after renaming/reorganization). E4 - 1994 replaced with (current edition of this National Standard).
IQG and supporting docs
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Volunteer Monitor's Guide to QAPPs
RFC 18001, Supplemental Information, Regional Screening Level Tables, Interim Response RFR 14003A, RFR 16001A, R5 Policy for development of QAPPs, RFC 04023 Letter, RFC 04019 and Quality Specs for non-EPA organizations
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# Quality Community Information Exchange (QCIX)

February 13, 2020 THURSDAY 11:00 -12:00 pm, EST

## Agenda

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## QA Community Updates – 15 Mins

- Regions (Rob Reinhart, Region 1)
  - New Members
    1. Region 3: Kia Long, Aneesh Ghimire, Elizabeth Gaige, Brandon Miller, Kelly Krock, Pepa Sassin named Lab QA Officer
    2. Region 6 Kara Allen
  - RQAM Meeting February 11
- ORD (Lora Johnson)
  - Hiring QAM, DQAs in process
  - QMP Update
  - Teleconference February 20
- NPO (Marion Kelly, OW/OST)
  - William Wooge OCSPP new QAM, Lenore Connell OITA QAM replace Dona Harris (retired last week)
  - Teleconference February 11

Thank you to Marion Kelly for volunteering and serving as the NPO QA Lead and EQMD will be sending out a request to the NPO community to request someone to step into her shoes, and those before her: Mary Clark and Joe Elkins. (Katherine Chalfant)

## EQMD Updates: (Bob Tallent and Aldo Nazario)

- Quality Assurance Enterprise Management System: 25 Minutes
  - Data Migration Testing. A test with a Region identified one field that wasn't working. Contractor has fixed the field and testing can now resume. We are on hold with some Regions and National Program offices due to scheduled leave, but we do have day/time when to resume upon their return. In the meantime, we continue to work with the Contractor and NCC to ensure that production is ready. We have followed up with those organizations and Regions who were pending from last year. All should have access to the import spreadsheet, the FTP server to upload their files and the QAEMS system to test. We are still waiting for some to complete their data migration import spreadsheet so we can test. We will also reach forward to those upcoming organization and regions. Again, we are here to help, as we all want a successful system.
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- We are actively preparing for a soft launch of QAEMS later this month. EQMD will go first. Followed by Region 6. As each Region/National Program Office successfully test their data migration, they will be rolled into production.
- OEIP management is finalizing the Communications Plan and Factsheet to announce the QAEMS.
- Work to make QAEMS 508 compliant will begin shortly.
- We are currently developing a list of reports that can be generated by QAEMS to be used for annual reporting based on CIO 2105 and other customer QA systems.
- Four Questions Resource Poll to gauge who requires assistance (and how much) with data migration testing and moving files into production
  1. Do you need contractor support to complete your data migration testing?
    - YES / NO
  2. How much time of contractor support do you anticipate needing to complete your data migration testing (includes completing your import spreadsheet, uploading your test files to the FTP site and participating in the Skype test session)?
    - < 4 HRS / 4 – 6 HRS / >6 HRS
  3. Do you need contractor support to move your data into production?
    - YES / NO
  4. How much time of contractor support do you anticipate needing to move your data into production? This includes completing your import spreadsheet, uploading your files to the FTP server and importing the spreadsheet in QAEMS. (Legacy data being moved into production is at the organizations' discretion but does not to be more than five years old).
    - < 1 Week / 1 – 2 Weeks / >2 Weeks
- OEIP management has approved the following [ [HYPERLINK](#)

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**Backlog:** EQMD has completed eight of our ten backlogged actions/reports.

### 1. Core Products:

- QMPs (Connie Thoma)

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Region 8	02/04/2013	02/04/2018	February 2020
Region 2	08/08/2014	08/08/2019	March 2020
ORD	Reorganization	Amendment	April Tentatively
Region 9	10/31/2014	10/31/2019	April 2020

Region 10	11/05/2014	11/05/2019	May 2020
OCSPP/OSCP	9/15/2020	9/15/2015	By May 14, 2020
Region 7	02/28/2017	02/28/2022	June 2020
Region 5	03/18/2015	03/18/2020	June 2020
Region 1	06/13/2016	06/13/2021	July 2020
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Region 4	09/13/2018	09/13/2023	September 2020
Region 6	10/04/2018	10/04/2023	October 2020

- Information Quality Guidelines: (Kevin Kirby)
  - Closed out Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment on January 16, 2020.
  - Jeff, Sharon and Katherine briefed the OMS AA and CIO on February 3, 2020 on the Information Quality Act and Anthraquinone and in-turn this was a topic of discussion with the Deputy Administrator the week of February 3, 2020

Senior leaders are committed to the Agency responding to all request within 120 days.

The table below lists the current status of opened cases.

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## 2. In the Works:

- Policy and Procedure: Kickoff meeting with the vendor, who will conduct a technical review of the Quality Directives took place on February 10, 2020 and the period of performance is through April 10, 2020. Agency-wide review to follow next.
- Webpage updates: We are currently working on improving the process for updating Quality-related information on the Internet/Intranet and considering options to reduce the workload and update all pages as necessary.

Internet	Intranet	Changes	Organization	Date	Page Republished
1	0	Updated National Contacts Info	OITA	2/7/2020	Yes
2	0	Update Document Page	RFR #12004A	2/4/2020	Yes
4	0	Fix links	RFCs 19004, 19003, 19002 and 19001	2/4/2020	Yes
3	0	Fix links, update page content	OMS/EQMD	1/30/2020	Yes
2	0	Update Document Page	Region 3	1/29/2020	Yes
12	0	Update Contacts Page	OAR, OMS, OA, OCSPP, R1, R3, ORD, OLEM, OW	1/28/2020	Yes
2	0	Update content and link	OMS/EQMD	1/24/2020	Yes
2	0	Updated Regional Contact Info	R1, R3	1/24/2020	Yes
28	Total Updates				

- Enterprise QAPP Initiative:
  1. Mission Measures: All eligible state and tribal QAPPs reviewed and approved in January are due in the Region's [ [HYPERLINK](#)

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workbook by February 15,

2020.

2. Term & Conditions: (Connie Thoma, Marion Kelly) moving National T&C into management review. Communication strategy may include memorandum from OMS, Fact Sheet, participation in OGD training.  
02/27/2020: Monthly State Grants Subgroup Meeting, 2-3 PM, awareness of initiative and encouragement to engage with workgroup through state and/or ECOS representatives.
  3. Training and Resource Needs – Finalizing gap analysis and preparing to brief the CIO, prior to sharing broadly.
- National Training – The training was tested and found to be 508 compliant. Testers have been notified and we are awaiting instructions from OHR for testers to begin. Three testers from each community were randomly chosen and notified by email.
  - OIG Audit Update:
    1. Received the draft report on January 30, 2020. OEIP has chosen to follow the traditional process for response.
    2. Provided a discussion document response to the OMS Audit Team on February 7, 2020. The OMS Audit Team will respond to the OIC Audit Team by February 14, 2020.
    3. Meeting with the CIO and OIG Audit Team is schedule for February 12, 2020.

### Meetings and Conferences:

#### Web Service Depicting “Zones of Concern” for Harmful Bacteria During Hurricane/Storm Events

RARE Team: Mike Cyterski, Rajbir Parmar, Kurt Wolfe, John Eastman (developer), and Sala Senkayi...Please join us February 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 pm CST for the R6 Regional Science Council’s second presentation in our seminar series. This RARE presentation demonstrates a new browser-based tool that maps “hot spots” or zones of concern for microbial risk exposure during flood events in cities like Houston and New Orleans.

[ HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenationalmeeting.net/venue>" ] - May 12-14, 2020

[ HYPERLINK "<https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/>" ] - August 17 – 20, 2020

#### Next QCIX Call

March 12, 2020

Topic/Sharing: Jenia McBrian, OAQPS QAM, QMP review tracking method



# Quality Community Information Exchange (QCIX)

March 12, 2020, Information Update

## Agenda

Our apologies for cancelling this month's QCIX, as OMS held a town hall meeting to address concerns about the COVID-19 virus. Below are our monthly updates. Please send any questions you might have to Connie Thoma.

Thank you!

### Personnel:

Sharon Gonder's detail as the Acting OEIP Deputy Office Director has concluded and she has returned to OW. We wish her well and thank her for her many contributions to the Agency's Quality Program!

Bob Tallent is going on a 120-day detail to the OW, good luck Bob!

**QA Community Updates** – No updates to report from the Regions or NPO community. ORD is reporting the following:

- Hiring QAM, DQAs in process
- QMP Update
- Teleconference Thursday, March 19, 2020

### EQMD Updates:

#### QAEMS:

- Niki Bryant will serve as the EQMD QAEMS project lead while Bob is on detail.
- The soft launch of QAEMS has been delayed at the direction of the CIO. The CIO has asked EQMD to form a small project team, with a few stakeholders, and report back to him by April 17, 2020, with a recommendation and path forward for ensuring we are investing in a QA enterprise management system tool that meets the Agency's QA requirements and has the system capabilities to meet our stakeholder needs. Pending this report to the CIO, EQMD will continue to conduct limited testing and migration and participate in scheduled EPA meetings regarding QAEMS.
- Data Migration Testing:
  - Received the completed import spreadsheets from GLNPO. EQMD is working with NCC to ensure a successful data migration test.
  - Held a data migration discussion meeting with Region 2 and working to resolve several issues raised by the Region.
  - OITA is prepared for data migration.
  - EQMD is following-up with those organizations who were pending testing and migration from last year. All organizations have access to the import spreadsheet, the FTP server to upload their files and the QAEMS system to test.

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- Webpage updates: Improvements are shown in the table below:

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2	QA Planning Page, ATP for CWA	Region 9 - Regional Staff Updated	2/28/2020, 3/4/2020
5	Replaced SOPs/SESD	Region 4 - Regional Staff Updated	2/26/2020
1	Main Page	Region 1 - Regional Staff Updated	2/24/2020
2	Organization Name Corrections/Updates	FAQ update, QMP Checklist Corrections to Org.	3/4/2020
4	IQG Page Additions and Updates	18002, 19003, Main IQG Page	2/24/2020 - 3/6/2020
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2	Unpublish - is in National Service Center for Environmental Publications	ORD, 1979 Handbook for Analytical Quality Control in Water and Wastewater Laboratories	2/20/2020

- E-Enterprise QAPP Initiative: Shared a project update with the EELC on 3/12/2020.
  - Mission Measures:
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- workbook by March 15, 2020.
    - Asked to schedule a meeting with Henry to discuss retooling the mission measure and A# for the QPR.
  - Term & Conditions:
    - Preparing to brief the OEIP Director on the National T&C. This T&C requires approvals by OGC, OGD and OMS management.
    - Presented at the 02/27/2020, Monthly State Grants Subgroup Meeting. Discussed awareness of initiative and encouragement to engage with workgroup through state and/or ECOS representatives. Meeting notes are in this month's QCIX folder.
  - Training and Resource Needs – Finalizing gap analysis, rating and ranking the resource inventory.
  - National Training – Testers have completed testing and EQMD is preparing to make minor corrections with OHR.
  - OIG Audit Update: Awaiting final audit report in April 2020.

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**From:** Kirby, Kevin [KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV]  
**Sent:** 8/30/2019 4:23:05 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Quality [Quality@epa.gov]; Holloman, Vincia [Holloman.Vincia@epa.gov]; Thoma, Connie [Thoma.Connie@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Acknowledge Receipt: Response to Competitive Enterprise Institute's Information Quality Act Request for Correction

Yep, I would log this as 3rd Party correspondence to RFC 19002 submitted by CEI concerning the "endangerment findings" of GHG. I'll follow-up with the particulars to Aldo to post this accordingly. Nice to note that some NGOs are pushing back on some of the more contentious challenges by CEI. Thanks, Connie!

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:55:48 AM  
**To:** Quality <Quality@epa.gov>; Kirby, Kevin <KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV>; Holloman, Vincia <Holloman.Vincia@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Acknowledge Receipt: Response to Competitive Enterprise Institute's Information Quality Act Request for Correction

Connie - - I'm acknowledging your email, and will let this one for Vini to respond when she returns on Tuesday.

*Katherine*

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**From:** Thoma, Connie <Thoma.Connie@epa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Quality  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:32 AM  
**To:** Kirby, Kevin <KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV>; Holloman, Vincia <Holloman.Vincia@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** ACTION: Acknowledge Receipt: Response to Competitive Enterprise Institute's Information Quality Act Request for Correction  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning,

I didn't see this yesterday. 😊

1. Please acknowledge receipt.
2. If your read determines that it should be posted as 3<sup>rd</sup> Party then follow up with language/instruction for Aldo.

Thank you,

*Connie Thoma*

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**From:** Benjamin Levitan <[blevitan@edf.org](mailto:blevitan@edf.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:31 PM  
**To:** Quality <[Quality@epa.gov](mailto:Quality@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Tomas Carbonell <[tcarbonell@edf.org](mailto:tcarbonell@edf.org)>  
**Subject:** Response to Competitive Enterprise Institute's Information Quality Act Request for Correction

Dear Ms. Holloman,

Attached please find Environmental Defense Fund's Response in Opposition to Competitive Enterprise Institute's May 13, 2019 Correction Request Regarding EPA's 2009 Finding that Greenhouse Gases Endanger Public Health and Welfare.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about this submission.

With best regards,  
Ben Levitan

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RFC 19003 EPA Blog, National Pollinators Week  
Office of

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RFC 19001 Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment  
and resulting determination  
Office of Water, Region 9, Office of General  
Counsel???

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RFC 18002 Chlorpyrifos  
EPA Webpage "EPA's Seven Year Quest for  
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RFR 18001A Regional Screening Level Tables –  
Anthraquinone  
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

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RFR 17002A Toxicological Review of Chloroprene  
(CAS NO. 126-99-8) Integrated Risk Information  
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Office of Research and Development

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RFC 19002 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment  
Finding  
Office of Air and Radiation

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RFC 18003 Ethylene Oxide  
Office of Air and Radiation

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RFC 17001 EPA Act Fuel Effects Study  
Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator Model  
(MOVES2014)  
Office of Air and Radiation

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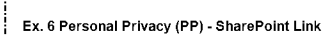
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**Sent:** 7/12/2019 9:41:07 PM  
**To:** EPA QA Community [EPA\_QA\_Community@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minutes and Link to SharePoint Folder: July 11, 2019 Quality Community Information Exchange  
**Attachments:** QCIXMinutes20190711.docx

For those that couldn't join us and/or for sharing with/informing management.

I plan to edit the recording down to the *topic only* by the end of the year as the recordings are temporary – intended for viewing shortly afterward by those with conflicts and for capture of the minutes.

SharePoint Folder: 

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Thank you for being so engaged and supportive.

Regards,

*Connie F. Thoma*

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
OMS/OEIP/Enterprise Quality Management Division  
Tel: 202-564-6874  
<https://www.epa.gov/quality>



# Quality Community Information Exchange (QCIX)

July 11, 2019 THURSDAY 11:00 -12:00 pm, EST

## Minutes

### Personnel Announcements:

1. Rebecca Moser OEIP Director, retirement announced
2. Region 1: John Smaldone, retired. Acting in June, Steve DiMattei. Acting in July, Vicki Maynard Johanna Hunter, LSASD Director, will be RQAM starting August.
3. Niki Bryant joined EQMD – Department of Defense (formerly) was IT Specialist programmer and infrastructure manager at DFAS. Will be working with QA Enterprise Management System and Website initially. Charleen Townsend is her mentor.

### QA Community Updates

- Regions (Sala Senkayi, Region 6)
  - RQAM Call 7/9/2019: Rebecca Moser, Vincia Holloman,
    - Katherine Chalfant - Directives
    - Vincia Holloman – QSAs and QMPs
    - Joe Beaman, Lisa Jones-Parra – regional data collection QAPP mission measures.
- ORD (Steven Jones for Lora Johnson)
  - Reorganization – QA personnel assignments not yet finalized. Goal of adequate coverage.
    - Backfill in process, also using Pathways
  - 5 Workgroups to develop standard QA practices across ORD: planning implementation product reviews reports to mgmt., resource issues.
    - DQA lead, QAM reps from labs & centers. Mid-August completion target date.
  - Database clean up QA Track, preparation for global update. Target completion of early August.
- NPO (Marion Kelly, OW/OST) – Data call by 15 July: Grants Terms & Conditions (Programmatic)

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### Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) - SharePoint Link

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) - SharePoint Link of demonstration

- **ScienceHub:** Alex Montilla
- Recently expanded to non-ORD researchers
- Montilla, Alex:
  - [ HYPERLINK "https://sciencehub.epa.gov/sciencehub/" ]
  - [ HYPERLINK "mailto:montilla.alex@epa.gov" ]

Office of Science Advisor has sent out memos and OSA created a website:

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### Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) - Intranet Link

### UPDATES:

- **EQMD ELMS training:** QMP process outcomes – Vincia Holloman
  - **11 steps identified, 9 steps tracked.**
  - Notify organization 180 days from sunset date.
  - Submission of revised “starts the clock”
  - Goal of 124 days (or less) to approval by sunset date.
- **Annual Scientific Integrity Report** -Vincia Holloman
  - To office of Scientific Integrity Official.

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- EQMD is only OMS element that reports.
- Director is OMS representative on the committee.
- Report out (EQMD): CIO Policy Revisions – contribution and participation of Regions and Programs, Scientific Integrity Training, Director participates in Scientific Committee Quarterly and Stakeholder Meetings, Quality System Assessments completed, Information Quality Guidelines Annual Report to Office of Management and Budget, monthly Quality Community Information Exchange, QA Enterprise Management System, Citizen Science QAPP, E-ELC QAPP effort, asked for inclusion/participation of QA in scientific integrity training/information.
- Jenia McBrien requests Scientific Integrity Training:
- Barbara Sheedy recommended going to  
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Deputy Scientific Integrity Officials
- [ HYPERLINK **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) - Intranet Link**  
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### Barbara Metzger Award

Please consider presenting at upcoming QCIX on nominated projects.

- Awardee: John Smaldone – Individual, Excellence in QA Management and Leadership, Citizen Science.
- Awardee: Region 5 – Team, Brownfields QAPP Streamlining Project Team
- Nominated Individual: Region 7, OAR, ORD
- Nominated Teams: OECA, Region 10
- **Quality Directives:** Katherine Chalfant from approximately 55 to 1:06 minutes to in [ HYPERLINK "https://  
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- Dates are placeholders pending release of directives from OEIP review.
- State and Tribal review not concurrent with Agency-wide review.
- Templates changed.

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- **National Training Redirection:** Katherine Chalfant from 1:06 to 1:09:30
  - **Reordered** – 1) Awareness, then 2) State and Tribal QAPP, other planned training issuance to follow.
  - **Survey pending**
- **Quality Assurance Enterprise Management System:** Bob Tallent from 1:09:30 to
  - Training – Bob Tallent
    - ETQ University, Commercial off the Shelf Product
  - 2019 Version instead of originally planned 2016 version
  - ATO Process – Charleen Townsend
    - 17 findings, all resolved
    - Sign Off – expected end of July/1<sup>st</sup> week of August
    - Push to production – first 2019 version, migrate data sequentially
  - Records Retention – Aldo Nazario

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- One of the deficiencies identified: Record schedule determination:

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Support Databases

- CIO Notification:** Kevin Kirby

- Eurofins Lancaster is issued.**
  - Eurofins, Horsham PA: Whole Effluent Testing** (wastewater treatment facilities)

**Information Quality Guidelines: Kevin Kirby**

IQG ID#	Data System / Subject	Info Owners	Staff assigned	Status	DATES		Milestone Category			
					Date Received	Target Due Date	Scoping Team mtg.	Draft Response Developed	Passed OMB Review	Response sent
RFC #19002	Green House Gas Endangerment Finding	OAR	Kirby	On Schedule	05/13/2019	09/18/2019	07/11/19			
RFC #19001	Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment	OW ORD R10	Tallent	Paused by OGC	11/14/2018	03/26/2019 06/21/2019 10/30/2019	✓	✓		
RFC #18003	NATA / Ethylene Oxide	OAR ORD	Kirby	On Schedule	9/20/2018	6/21/2019	✓			
RFC #18002	Chlorpyrifos	OCSPP	Chalfant	Delayed	8/28/2018	12/30/2018	✓	✓	✓	
RFR #18001 A	IRIS / Anthraquinone	ORD	Kirby	On schedule	4/11/2018	6/21/2019	✓			
RFR #17002 A	IRIS - Chloroprene	ORD	Kirby	Reviewing Supp. Info.	7/24/2018	06/21/2019	✓	Paused		
RFC #16002	TSCA Workplan / Ethylene Dichloroethane (EDC)	OCSPP	Kirby	Closed	12/15/2015	Response Sent out 5/24/2019	✓	✓	✓	✓
RFR #15003 A	TSCA Workplan / Phthalic Anhydride (PA)	OCSPP	Kirby	Delayed	12/23/2015	12/30/2018	✓	✓	✗	

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- **Grant Solutions Progress:** Connie Thoma

**Quality Program Notifications:**

- **Quality Management Plans:** Connie Thoma
  - Under Review – OLEM, OCE/OECA, OSRE/OECA, OAR/OTAQ
  - Overdue – OMS/OEI
- **Quality System Assessments:** Connie Thoma
  - FY 19
    - OP/OCHP – Aldo Nazario
    - OLEM – Kevin Kirby
- **Next QCIX Calls** – August 8 (Cancelled) and September 12, 2019

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June 8, 2020

## INFORMATION QUALITY DATA CALL

FROM: Dominic J. Mancini  
Deputy Administrator  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

SUBJECT: Reporting for FY 2019 under the Information Quality Guidelines and Bulletin for Peer Review

We have now completed our 16th full year implementing the Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies (hereafter referred to as the Information Quality (IQ) Guidelines) and our 13th full year implementing the Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to carry out these important information quality initiatives. This memorandum provides guidance to assist you in preparing the annual reports associated with your agency's implementation of the IQ Guidelines and the Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review.

This year, both the draft IQ Annual Report and the draft Peer Review Annual Report are due to OMB no later than July 17, 2020.

Recall that last year we revised the tracking template for recording your agency's Requests for Corrections (RFCs). *In the EXCEL template there are separate worksheets for reporting RFCs and Appeals received in prior years, but responded to in FY19.* The Peer Review Annual Report template (WORD file) is the same as we have used in prior years; it is based on information that is outlined in Section VI of the Bulletin. Please do not change the formats of these file; formats other than those used in the attached templates will not be accepted.

Please provide your draft IQ Annual Report to [ [HYPERLINK "mailto:informationquality@omb.eop.gov"](mailto:informationquality@omb.eop.gov) ] and your draft Peer Review Annual Report to [ [HYPERLINK "mailto:OMB\\_Peer%20Review@omb.eop.gov"](mailto:OMB_Peer%20Review@omb.eop.gov) ]. Please do not post your draft reports on your web-pages until OMB review is complete.

Finally, please use this annual reporting period to refresh your familiarity with your agency's responsibilities under OMB's M 19-15: Improving Implementation of the Information Quality Act ([ [HYPERLINK "https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/M-19-15.pdf"](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/M-19-15.pdf) ]). We will be reaching out to agencies to ensure that they have met these responsibilities. Should you have any questions about these annual reports, please contact Dr. Margo Schwab at [ [HYPERLINK "mailto:mschwab@omb.eop.gov"](mailto:mschwab@omb.eop.gov) ] or 202 395-5647 (during telework, please call 202-821-8796). Thank you for your timely response to this request. We appreciate the continuing attention that your agency gives to ensuring that the applicable Information Quality and Peer Review standards are met.

## Attachments

**Instructions:**

Attached is the FY19 IQ reporting template for you to use to compile your **DRAFT** agency reports. Please fill out your dra

Please provide and verify your Agency's Information Quality webpage in Section I.

Please note that this Excel workbook has 7 sheets (Instructions plus Sections I-VI). **You MUST reconcile your IQ report report.** Specifically, Sections IV, V, and VI will require you to fill out a new form for each correction request or appeal tha need more, please copy and paste additional forms. You can delete any forms you do not need.

If your agency received no correction requests in FY19 and had no outstanding requests from FY03-FY18, you need only

In sections IV, V and VI you will need to fill out a unique form for each correction request or appeal that you received.

Please do not post your draft reports on your webpages until OMB review is complete.

Please send all completed **draft** IQ reports **(Due by July 17, 2020)** electronically to:  
[InformationQuality@omb.eop.gov](mailto:InformationQuality@omb.eop.gov)

If you should have questions or problems, please contact Dr. Margo Schwab  
[mschwab@omb.eop.gov](mailto:mschwab@omb.eop.gov)  
Phone # 202-395-5647

ift template using this Excel workbook. No other formats will be accepted.

***for incomplete (pending) requests-for-correction and appeals with last year's***  
t have you received. We have supplied 5 repeating forms for these sections. If you should

to fill out Sections I, II, and III of this form.



# ***FY 2019 Year-End Information Quality Report***

## **Section I. Requests for Correction Received in FY 2019.**

### **I. Cover Sheet: Requests for Correction Received FY 2019 (Oct 1, 2018 to Sept 30, 2019)**

Department Name:

Web page location of department information quality correspondence.

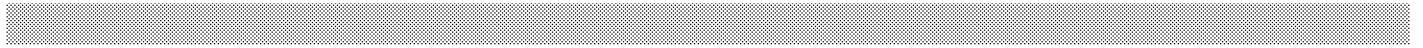
Please ensure compliance with Section 16 of OMB M 17-06, which requires, among other things, that the IQA web page is accessible from the agency's home page.  
(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2017/m-17-06.pdf>),

Please provide a detailed description of the Agency's disposition on those correction requests in Section IV.

#### **Agency Name**


U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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<https://www.epa.gov/quality/epa-information-quality-guidelines-requests-correction-and-requests-reconsideration>





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**Number of Requests Received**

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6

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ 6

SECTION II. Outstanding Requests for Correction from years prior to FY 2019.

II. If you have received correction requests and did not provide a final response in FY03-FY18, please list those correction requests below and provide a detailed summary in Section V of this template. This should be reconciled with your IQ report from the previous fiscal year.

Agency Name	Number of Outstanding Requests for Correction from FY03-FY18 that were completed in FY19 or <u>are still incomplete</u>	
	<u>Complete</u>	<u>Still Incomplete</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #16002, EDC	<u>1</u>	<u></u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #18002, Chloropyrifos	<u></u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #18003, Ethylene Oxide	<u></u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #19001, Bristol Bay	<u>1</u>	<u></u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #19002, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding	<u></u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #19003, EPA Blog Post concerning National Pollinators Week - Not RFC/Ephemeral	<u>1</u>	<u></u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #19004, Preliminary Atrazine Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA)	<u></u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

### SECTION III. Outstanding Appeals from years prior to FY 2019.

III. If you have received appeals and did not provide a final response in FY03-FY18, please list those appeals below and provide a detailed summary in Section VI of this template. This should be reconciled with your IQ report from the previous fiscal year.

Agency Name

**Number of Appeals  
Received in FY03-FY18  
that were completed in  
FY19 or are still  
incomplete**

Complete	Still Incomplete
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: RFR #15003A - Phthalic Anhydride - Withdrawn

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFR #16002A, EDC

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFR #18001A, Anthraquinone

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFR #17002A, Chloroprene

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFR #19001A, Bristol Bay

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
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**Section IV. Please fill out this form for EACH Correction Request (and associated Appeal Request) Received in FY19.**

Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #18003 - NATA/Ethylene Oxide (EtO)
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/iga_petition_eo-sept_2018_0.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/iga_petition_eo-sept_2018_0.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.com)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.org)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.com
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.org
		Other (please describe):

Date Received:	date:	9/20/2018
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	1/18/2019
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still pending

Link to Agency Response:	
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclaimer added to information on website
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request was handled under a different process (please describe below): Rulemaking: MON RTR, <a href="https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/manufacturing-national-emission#additional-resources">https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/manufacturing-national-emission#additional-resources</a>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):

Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Database
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fact Sheet
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Report
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe below):

Has An Appeal been filed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No





**Section IV. Please fill out this form for EACH Correction Request (and associated Appeal Request) Received in FY19.**

Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #18001 - Anthraquinone
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-05/documents/rfc18001_anthraquinone_20180406_0.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-05/documents/rfc18001_anthraquinone_20180406_0.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.com)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.org)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.com
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.org
		Other (please describe):

Date Received	date:	4/12/2018
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	9/21/2018
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still pending

Link to Agency Response:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/rfc_18001_-">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/rfc_18001_-</a>
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial Correction
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclaimer added to information on website
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):
		Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):

Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe below):

Has An Appeal been filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No



**Section IV. Please fill out this form for EACH Correction Request (and associated Appeal Request)**

Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #19001 - Bristol Bay
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-11/documents/rfc_19001">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-11/documents/rfc_19001</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	
	X

Date Received	date:
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:

if Link to Agency Response: <https://www.epa.gov/quality/rfc-19001-bbwa-response-sent-08152019>

Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	

Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	
	X

Has An Appeal been filed?	X
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est) Received in FY19.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Private Individual

Trade Group (.com)

Trade Group (.org)

Corporation

Law Firm on behalf of:

Individual

.com

.org

Other (please describe):

The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) non-profit think tank

11/14/2018

8/15/2019

Still pending

Still Pending

Full Correction

Partial Correction

No Correction

Disclaimer added to information on website

Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):

Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):

Brochure

Database

Fact Sheet

Report

Risk Assessment

Final Rule

Proposed Rule

Website

Other (please describe below):

2014 Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (BBWA) and the proposed determination

Yes

No

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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #19002 - Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-07/documents/rfc_19002_-_endangerment_cei.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-07/documents/rfc_19002_-_endangerment_cei.pdf</a>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	.org
		Other (please describe): The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) non-profit think tank

Date Received:	date: 5/13/2019
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	
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Link to Agency Response:	
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
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Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe below): 2009 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding and supporting Techn

Has An Appeal been filed?	Yes
	No



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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #19004 - Preliminary Atrazine Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA)
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-10/documents/rfc_19004_-_ecological_risk_assessment_-_atrazine.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-10/documents/rfc_19004_-_ecological_risk_assessment_-_atrazine.pdf</a>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.com
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.org
		Other (please describe): Center for Regulatory Effectiveness - industry-funded, for-profit think tank

Date Received	date:	7/16/2019
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Still pending

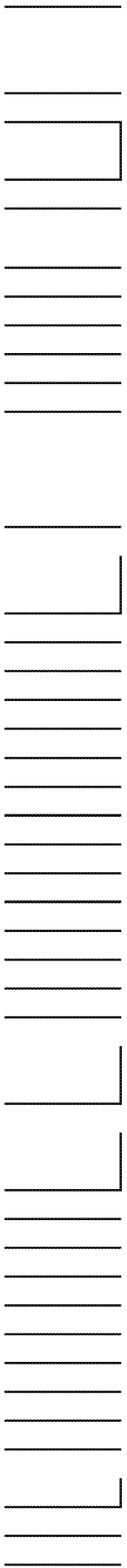
Link to Agency Response:	
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
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Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Report
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
		Other (please describe below):

Has An Appeal been filed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No





**If an Appeal on this request has been filed in FY19 please complete the rest of this for**

Link to Appeal Request:		
Date of Appeal request:	date:	
Date Appeal Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	
	Still pending	
Link to Appeal Response:		
Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):		
Is there any judicial review associated with this	Yes (if yes please describe):	
	No	
Appeal Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	Still Pending	
	Full Correction	
	Partial Correction	
	No Correction	
	Disclaimer added to information on website	
	Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):	
	Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):	

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Date of Appeal request:	date:	10/29/2018
Date Appeal Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	
	X	Still pending
Link to Appeal Response:		
Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):	Appeal process conducted in accordance with EPA Information Quality Guidelines submitted Requests for Reconsideration.	
Is there any judicial review associated with this	Yes (if yes please describe):	
	No	
Appeal Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	X	Still Pending
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		Disclaimer added to information on website
		Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):
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Date of Appeal request:	date:
Date Appeal Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date: X
Link to Appeal Response:	
Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):	
Is there any judicial review associated with this	
Appeal Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	X

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Yes (if yes please describe):

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Link to Appeal Request:		
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Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):		
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**Section V. Please fill out this form for EACH Outstanding Correction Request from FY03-FY18 that was completed in FY19 or is still pending. If an Appeal has been filed in FY19 on an FY03-FY18 request you must include description of the correction request and appeal. This section must be reconciled with last year's report on outstanding items.**

Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #16002: TSCA - Workplan - Assessment of Ethylene Dichloroethane (EDC)
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/rfc16002-tscaworkplan-ethylene-dichloride.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/rfc16002-tscaworkplan-ethylene-dichloride.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.com)
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
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Date Received:	date:	12/15/15
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	05/28/19
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
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		Mandatory in TSCA to address. Will consider comments during prioritization
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Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Database
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fact Sheet
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Report
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe below):
	TSCA Workplan	

Has An Appeal been filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
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Section V. Please fill out this form for EACH Outstanding request that was completed in FY19 or is still pending. If an Appeal request you must include description of the correction reconciled with last year's report on outstanding items		
Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	
Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #17002: IRIS - Toxicology Review	
Link to Correction Request	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-09/documents/request_for_correction.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-09/documents/request_for_correction.pdf</a>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
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	Other (please describe):	
Date Received:	date:	06/27/17
Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	01/24/18
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still pending
Link to Agency Response:		
Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	
Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable)	RFC #18003 - NATA/Ethylene Oxide (EtO)	
Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/iqa_petition_eo-sept_2018_0.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/iqa_petition_eo-sept_2018_0.pdf</a>	
Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):		<input type="checkbox"/> Private Individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade Group (.com) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Group (.org) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Law Firm on behalf of: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> .com <input type="checkbox"/> .org <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe):
Date Received:	date:	9/20/2018
Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	1/18/2019
		<input type="checkbox"/> Still pending
Link to Agency Response:		
Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):		<input type="checkbox"/> Still Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Full Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Correction <input type="checkbox"/> No Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Disclaimer added to information on website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request was handled under a different process (please describe below): Rulemakings - The Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) Production RTR and The MON RTR <input type="checkbox"/> Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):
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Has An Appeal been filed?		Yes

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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #18002 - Chlorpyrifos
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Link to Correction Request	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/rfc_18002_-_chlorpyrifos_0.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/rfc_18002_-_chlorpyrifos_0.pdf</a>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.com
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		Other (please describe):

Date Received:	date: 8/28/2018
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclaimer added to information on website
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		Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):

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Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):		
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Appeal Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	X	Still Pending
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Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):	Appeal process conducted in a guidelines occurred in this IQG submitted (PBPK model) through waiting for the results to come panel.
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	
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Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request		
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):		Private Individual
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Date of Appeal request:	date:	
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Link to Appeal Response:		
Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):		
Is there any judicial review associated with this	Yes (if yes please describe):	
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**To:** Cross, Melinda [Cross.Melinda@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report  
**Attachments:** FY19\_EPA\_IQG\_Report\_07132020.xlsx; FY19 - MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION QUALITY DATA CALL 6-8-2020.docx

Melinda – Here is the annual report for FY 2019, that EQMD prepared and was coordinated with OCIR.

*Katherine*

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**From:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Noga, Vaughn  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** informationquality@omb.eop.gov  
**Cc:** mschwab@omb.eop.gov; Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>; Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>; Thoma, Connie <Thoma.Connie@epa.gov>; Gentile, Laura <Gentile.Laura@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report

Dear Dr. Schwab,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) *Draft Information Quality Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, Annual Report* summarizes the implementation of the process created as part of the 2002, *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA Information Quality Guidelines or IQGs).

The Office of Mission Support, Office of Enterprise Information Programs, Enterprise Quality Management Division facilitates the administrative process for responding to requests concerning the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by the Agency.

The Agency's public website provides easy access to information and frequently asked questions on EPA's IQGs available at: <https://www.epa.gov/quality/frequent-questions-about-epas-quality-system#tab-11>.

Also, responses to the requests are also available at: <https://www.epa.gov/quality/epa-information-quality-guidelines>.

In FY 2019, EPA received six requests:

- Four Request for Correction (RFC), and
- Two appeals or Request for Reconsideration (RFR).

Of the four RFCs received, one RFC (19003) did not meet the definition of disseminated information and therefore the actual total of RFCs received is three, making the total number of requests received equal to five.

The types of requests received covered a range of Agency disseminations and challenged the quality and transparency of information in support of mandatory agency activities. Several of the requests challenged draft workplans and preliminary reviews; while others challenged an endangerment finding, and watershed and risk assessments. Response to several requests involved referencing supporting information and existing agency processes.

EPA remains committed to consistently improving its implementation of the Information Quality Act and ensuring that objective and useful information is disseminated to the public by this Agency.

Thank You,

Vaughn Noga, Chief Information Officer  
and Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information  
Office of Mission Support  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington DC 20460

**Instructions:**

Attached is the FY19 IQ reporting template for you to use to compile your **DRAFT** agency reports. Please fill out your dra

Please provide and verify your Agency's Information Quality webpage in Section I.

Please note that this Excel workbook has 7 sheets (Instructions plus Sections I-VI). **You MUST reconcile your IQ report report.** Specifically, Sections IV, V, and VI will require you to fill out a new form for each correction request or appeal tha need more, please copy and paste additional forms. You can delete any forms you do not need.

If your agency received no correction requests in FY19 and had no outstanding requests from FY03-FY18, you need only

In sections IV, V and VI you will need to fill out a unique form for each correction request or appeal that you received.

Please do not post your draft reports on your webpages until OMB review is complete.

Please send all completed **draft** IQ reports **(Due by July 17, 2019)** electronically to:  
[InformationQuality@omb.eop.gov](mailto:InformationQuality@omb.eop.gov)

If you should have questions or problems, please contact Dr. Margo Schwab  
[mschwab@omb.eop.gov](mailto:mschwab@omb.eop.gov)  
Phone # 202-395-5647

ift template using this Excel workbook. No other formats will be accepted.

***for incomplete (pending) requests-for-correction and appeals with last year's***  
t have you received. We have supplied 5 repeating forms for these sections. If you should

to fill out Sections I, II, and III of this form.

# ***FY 2019 Year-End Information Quality Report***

## **Section I. Requests for Correction Received in FY 2019.**

### **I. Cover Sheet: Requests for Correction Received FY 2019 (Oct 1, 2018 to Sept 30, 2019)**

Department Name:

Web page location of department information quality correspondence.

Please ensure compliance with Section 16 of OMB M 17-06, which requires, among other things, that the IQA web page is accessible from the agency's home page.  
(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2017/m-17-06.pdf>),

Please provide a detailed description of the Agency's disposition on those correction requests in Section IV.

#### **Agency Name**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency


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\* EPA received a total of 4 Request for Correction and one was deemed to not fit the definition.



<https://www.epa.gov/quality/epa-information-quality-guidelines-requests-correction-and-requests-reconsideration>





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**Number of Requests Received**

4 \*

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TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ 6

SECTION II. Outstanding Requests for Correction from years prior to FY 2019.

II. If you have received correction requests and did not provide a final response in FY03-FY18, please list those correction requests below and provide a detailed summary in Section V of this template. This should be reconciled with your IQ report from the previous fiscal year.

Agency Name	Number of Outstanding Requests for Correction from FY03-FY18 that were completed in FY19 or <u>are still incomplete</u>	
	<u>Complete</u>	<u>Still Incomplete</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #16002, EDC	<u>1</u>	<u></u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #18002, Chloropyrifos	<u></u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #18003, Ethylene Oxide	<u></u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #19001, Bristol Bay	<u>1</u>	<u></u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #19002, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding	<u></u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #19003, EPA Blog Post concerning National Pollinators Week - Not RFC/Ephemeral	<u>1</u>	<u></u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFC #19004, Preliminary Atrazine Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA)	<u></u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

### SECTION III. Outstanding Appeals from years prior to FY 2019.

III. If you have received appeals and did not provide a final response in FY03-FY18, please list those appeals below and provide a detailed summary in Section VI of this template. This should be reconciled with your IQ report from the previous fiscal year.

#### Agency Name

#### Number of Appeals Received in FY03-FY18 that were completed in FY19 or are still incomplete

	Complete	Still Incomplete
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: RFR #15003A - Phthalic Anhydride - Withdrawn	<u>1</u>	<u>          </u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFR #16002A, EDC	<u>          </u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFR #18001A, Anthraquinone	<u>          </u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFR #17002A, Chloroprene	<u>          </u>	<u>1</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - RFR #19001A, Bristol Bay	<u>          </u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

**Section IV. Please fill out this form for EACH Correction Request (and associated Appeal Request) Received in FY19.**

Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #18001 - Anthraquinone
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-05/documents/rfc18001_anthraquinone_20180406_0.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-05/documents/rfc18001_anthraquinone_20180406_0.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.com)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.org)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.com
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.org
		Other (please describe):

Date Received:	date:	4/12/2018
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	9/21/2018
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still pending

Link to Agency Response:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/rfc_18001_-_epa_respor">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/rfc_18001_-_epa_respor</a>
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial Correction
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclaimer added to information on website
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):
		Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):

Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Database
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fact Sheet
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Report
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
		Other (please describe below):

Has An Appeal been filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #19001 - Bristol Bay
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-11/documents/rfc_19001_-_bristol_bay.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-11/documents/rfc_19001_-_bristol_bay.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.com)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.org)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.com
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.org
		Other (please describe): The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) non-profit think tank

Date Received	date:	11/14/2018
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	8/15/2019
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still pending

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Link to Agency Response:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/quality/rfc-19001-bbwa-response-sent-08152019">https://www.epa.gov/quality/rfc-19001-bbwa-response-sent-08152019</a>
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclaimer added to information on website
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):

Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Database
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fact Sheet
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Report
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe below): 2014 Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (BBWA) and the proposed determ that was based upon it

Has An Appeal been filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
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**Section IV. Please fill out this form for EACH Correction Request (and associated Appeal Request) Received in FY19.**

Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #19002 - Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-07/documents/rfc_19002_-_endangerment_cei.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-07/documents/rfc_19002_-_endangerment_cei.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.com)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.org)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.com
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.org
		Other (please describe): The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) non-profit think tank

Date Received:	date: 5/13/2019
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Still pending

Link to Agency Response:	
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclaimer added to information on website
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):
		Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):

Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Database
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fact Sheet
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Report
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe below): 2009 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding and supporting Techn Support Document (TSD)

Has An Appeal been filed?	Yes
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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #19004 - Preliminary Atrazine Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA)
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-10/documents/rfc_19004_-_ecological_risk_assessment_-_atrazine.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-10/documents/rfc_19004_-_ecological_risk_assessment_-_atrazine.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.com)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.org)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.com
	<input type="checkbox"/>	.org
		Other (please describe): Center for Regulatory Effectiveness - industry-funded, for-profit think tank

Date Received	date:	7/16/2019
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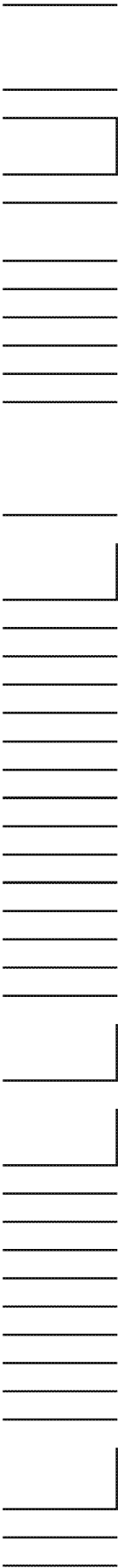
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Link to Agency Response:	
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
		Other (please describe below):

Has An Appeal been filed?	Yes
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**If an Appeal on this request has been filed in FY19 please complete the rest of this form (otherwise leave blank):**

Link to Appeal Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/rfc_18001_-_epa_response.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/rfc_18001 - epa_response.pdf</a>	
Date of Appeal request:	date: 10/29/2018	
Date Appeal Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	X	Still pending
Link to Appeal Response:		
Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):	Appeal process conducted in accordance with EPA Information Quality Guidelines for submitted Requests for Reconsideration.	
Is there any judicial review associated with this	Yes (if yes please describe): No	
Appeal Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	X	Still Pending
		Full Correction
		Partial Correction
		No Correction
		Disclaimer added to information on website
		Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):
		Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):



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<b>If an Appeal on this request has been filed in FY19 please complete the rest of this form (otherwise leave blank):</b>		
Link to Appeal Request:		
Date of Appeal request:	date:	9/25/2019
Date Appeal Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	
	X	Still pending
Link to Appeal Response:		
Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):		
Is there any judicial review associated with this	Yes (if yes please describe):	
	No	
Appeal Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	X	Still Pending
		Full Correction
		Partial Correction
		No Correction
		Disclaimer added to information on website
		Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):
		Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):

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Date of Appeal request:	date:	
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Link to Appeal Response:		
Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):		
Is there any judicial review associated with this	Yes (if yes please describe):	
	No	
Appeal Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	Still Pending	
	Full Correction	
	Partial Correction	
	No Correction	
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	Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):	

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Date Appeal Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	
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Appeal Process used (please describe mechanism used in a few sentences):		
Is there any judicial review associated with this	Yes (if yes please describe):	
	No	
Appeal Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	Still Pending	
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	Partial Correction	
	No Correction	
	Disclaimer added to information on website	
	Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):	
	Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):	

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**Section V. Please fill out this form for EACH Outstanding Correction Request from FY03-FY18 that was completed in FY19 or is still pending. If an Appeal has been filed in FY19 on an FY03-FY18 request you must include description of the correction request and appeal. This section must be reconciled with last year's report on outstanding items.**

Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #16002: TSCA - Workplan - Assessment of Ethylene Dichloroethane (EDC)
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Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/rfc16002-tscaworkplan-ethylene-dichloride.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/rfc16002-tscaworkplan-ethylene-dichloride.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade Group (.com)
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe):	

Date Received:	date:	12/15/15
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Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	05/28/19
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still pending

Link to Agency Response:	
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclaimer added to information on website
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request was handled under a different process (please describe below):
		Mandatory in TSCA to address. Will consider comments during prioritization
<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):	

Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Database
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fact Sheet
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Report
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe below):

Has An Appeal been filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	
Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable)	RFC #18003 - NATA/Ethylene Oxide (EtO)	
Link to Correction Request:	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/iqa_petition_eo-sept_2018_0.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-10/documents/iqa_petition_eo-sept_2018_0.pdf</a>	
Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):		<input type="checkbox"/> Private Individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade Group (.com) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Group (.org) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Law Firm on behalf of: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> .com <input type="checkbox"/> .org <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe):
Date Received:	date:	9/20/2018
Date Responded to (please mark column B with an X if still pending):	date:	1/18/2019
		<input type="checkbox"/> Still pending
Link to Agency Response:		
Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):		<input type="checkbox"/> Still Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Full Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Correction <input type="checkbox"/> No Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Disclaimer added to information on website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request was handled under a different process (please describe below): Rulemakings - The Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) Production RTR and The MON RTR <input type="checkbox"/> Changes, other than those requested were made (please describe below):
Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):		<input type="checkbox"/> Brochure <input type="checkbox"/> Database <input type="checkbox"/> Fact Sheet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below):
Has An Appeal been filed?		Yes



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Agency/SubAgency Receiving Correction Request	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agency Request Name or Number (if applicable):	RFC #18002 - Chlorpyrifos
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Link to Correction Request	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/rfc_18002_-_chlorpyrifos_0.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/rfc_18002_-_chlorpyrifos_0.pdf</a>
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Requestor Affiliation (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Individual
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Firm on behalf of:
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual
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		Other (please describe):

Date Received:	date:	8/28/2018
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Request Resolution (please mark appropriate choice with an X in column B describing how the agency handled the request):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Still Pending
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Correction
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Correction
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclaimer added to information on website
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Information requested to be changed is found in (mark column B with an X for all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure
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Message

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C340D89F94584F1DA6BCD101B2FAD166-CHALFANT, KATHERINE]  
**Sent:** 1/13/2021 8:06:21 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: IQG Requests status

Thank you Bob! I just passed on the information.

*Katherine*

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Katherine Chalfant  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Acting Director, Enterprise Quality Management Division  
Office of Enterprise Information Programs, WJCW (6408 A)  
Office of Environmental Information  
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**From:** Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:33 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** IQG Requests status

Katherine,

Here is the email to send to Jeff with the RFC/RFR status. I wrote it from the perspective that Jeff will send an email to Vaughn with this info.

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Message

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**Sent:** 1/13/2021 8:42:16 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: RFC and RFR Status

I'm going to send them to you in the next hour.

*Katherine*

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Katherine Chalfant  
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**From:** Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:40 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RFC and RFR Status

I don't think I saw those emails. Were they during my detail or something?

Thanks

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Robert G. Tallent, D.Sc., PMP  
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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <[Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov](mailto:Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <[Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov)>; Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>; Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: RFC and RFR Status

Hi Jeff - - We will certainly dust off the old emails and have this ready for you tomorrow.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Wells, Jeffrey <[Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov](mailto:Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:37 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <[Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov)>; Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: RFC and RFR Status

Erin asked if you could you prepare communication for Vaughn to send to the respective program office asking them to expedite? Feel free to dust off prior communications. It would be fine to prepare this and send it up to Pat Tuesday upon your return if you'd like.

Thanks,  
Jeff

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:06 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <[Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov](mailto:Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <[Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov](mailto:Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov)>; Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>; Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RFC and RFR Status

Hi Jeff - - Below is the information you requested at today meeting. Please feel free to share this information as well as our tracking table link with Vaughn. We've also provided you with a DRAFT email to send to Vaughn

There are currently four open IQG items. Two RFCs and two RFRs. Of these, three are well over the 120-day response target. Days shown are as of January 14, 2021

**[IQG Number – Title, Information Owner, Requestor, Total days since receipt of RFC/RFR]**

1. RFC #21001 – Greenhouse Effect, OAR, Dr. Tinker, 86 Days
  - Draft RFC response in OAR management review prior to sending to OMB for their comments
2. RFC #19002 – Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding, OAR, CEI, 612 Days
  - Delayed in OAR Immediate Office
3. RFR #17002A – Chloroprene, ORD, Denka, 905 Days
  - Peer review of PBPK Model complete. Scoping Team will meet within the next two weeks as team member schedules permit to re-initiate the RFR process.
4. RFR 16002A – Ethylene Dichloride, OCSPP, ACC, 507 Days



- Delayed in OCSPP

This information is provided in a table on the EQMD SharePoint site as the

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## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Sent:** 1/13/2021 8:42:46 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: IQG Requests status

Put it on your calendar! lol

*Katherine*

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:41 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: IQG Requests status

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Robert G. Tallent, D.Sc., PMP  
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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:40 PM

**To:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: IQG Requests status

I'm glad I made you laugh. Remind me to tell you that joke about the snowstorm... when we retire! ☺

*Katherine*

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:23 PM

**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: IQG Requests status

HA!

I'm still chuckling about the email you sent about "Not my job".

Those words have come out of my mouth only once in my life ... during the Navy as a new Ensign. Did not have a good result. ☺ Have never said them again. Makes me smile every time I hear it. I'll tell you someday. Ha.

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:20 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: IQG Requests status

As Tony the Tiger would say, you did.....GRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRREAT!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:19 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: IQG Requests status

Thank you. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** Hard to put words in his mouth for that....

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:06 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: IQG Requests status

Thank you Bob! I just passed on the information.

*Katherine*

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:33 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** IQG Requests status

Katherine,

Here is the email to send to Jeff with the RFC/RFR status. I wrote it from the perspective that Jeff will send an email to Vaughn with this info.

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Message

**From:** Chalfant, Katherine [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C340D89F94584F1DA6BCD101B2FAD166-CHALFANT, KATHERINE]  
**Sent:** 1/13/2021 9:23:56 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: IQGs - Request Your Assistant

Don't thank me yet. What they are looking for are four emails to the DAA of each organization from Vaughn with the specifics.

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I'll call you!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:18 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: IQGs - Request Your Assistant

Beautiful!!

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:13 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistant  
**Importance:** High

Success! I found it. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Just copy and paste what is below and again **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 9:15 AM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <[Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov](mailto:Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kirby, Kevin <[KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV](mailto:KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV)>; Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** IQGs - Request Your Assistant

Good morning Jeff - - We would appreciate if you would send the email we prepared to Vaughn. The purpose of this email his for Vaughn to contact his counterparts and see if we can get any movement with the two RFCs and one RFR listed in the table below.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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**Sent:** 1/14/2021 5:54:03 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]; Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]; Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** IQGs - Request Your Assistance

Hi Jeff - - We recommend sending: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

The purpose of these emails are for Vaughn to contact his counterparts and see if we can get any movement with the one RFC and one RFR (long overdue) listed in the table below. We included the ORD Chloroprene RFR on the table for completeness. However, we don't believe **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Please let me know if I may send these forward.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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**Sent:** 1/14/2021 8:36:08 PM  
**To:** Collard, Erin [Collard.Erin@epa.gov]; Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]; Alvarado, David [alvarado.david@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]; Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]; Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: IQGs - Request Your Assistance

Thanks so much Erin!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:57 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>; Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: IQGs - Request Your Assistance

Thank you, Katherine. I will make sure we get these out tomorrow.

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[Collard.erin@epa.gov](mailto:Collard.erin@epa.gov)  
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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:51 PM

**To:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>

**Subject:** IQGs - Request Your Assistance

Hi Erin, David and Austin – Below is a status update for the open IQG Request for Correction (RFC) and Request for Reconsideration (RFR). Erin recommended Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Please note there are

**two emails** below which we would like him to send. We included the ORD Chloroprene RFR on the table for completeness. However, we **don't believe** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Below is a table showing the current status of our open IQG Requests. As you know we have 120-day turn-around time with our RFCs and RFRs which depends on the engagement of the respective information owners. We'd appreciate your assistance in contacting your counterpart for the IQG cases RFR 16002A and RFC 19002 shown below as they are long overdue. It is not necessary to send ORD an email as RFR 17002A is about to reconvene a Scoping Team and start the RFR process again.

<i>IQG ID</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Information Owner</i>	<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Days Active</i>	<i>Status / Action Needed</i>
RFR 16002A	Ethylene Dichloride (EDC)	OCSPP	8/22/2019	507	No response at staff level / Please contact DAA
RFR 17002A	Chloroprene	ORD	9/20/2018	905	Peer Review complete. Scheduling Scoping Team to begin RFR process.
RFC 19002	Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding	OAR	5/13/2019	612	Held up in OAR IO Please contact DAA
RFC 21001	Greenhouse Effect	OAR	10/20/2020	86	Draft response in OAR mgmt. Need to send to OMB for comment.

Active as of January 14, 2021

*Points of Contact:*

**OCSPP – David Fischer**, DAA (202) 564-2665

- Angela Hofmann, IQG Contact (202) 564-0258

**OAR – Betsy Shaw**, DAA (202) 564-1447

- Allison Crimmins, IQG Contact (202) 343-9170

Please let me know I if you have any questions.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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Message

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**Sent:** 1/14/2021 8:40:16 PM  
**To:** Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistant

Hi Austin - - Thank you for sending out both of these emails! We are appreciate your assistance! ☺

*Katherine*

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**From:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Noga, Vaughn  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** Shaw, Betsy <Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>; Crimmins, Allison <Crimmins.Allison@epa.gov>; Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>; Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** IQGs - Request Your Assistant

Betsy,

As you know we have 120-day turn-around time for a Request for Correction (RFC) which depends on the engagement of the respective information owners. I'd appreciate your assistance in resolving the IQG case RFC 19002 – Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding shown below as it is long overdue.

You also have RFC 21001 that your staff has been actively working. We have had it for 86 days, but it still needs to be reviewed by OMB before we can send to the requestor. That may put it over the 120-day target.

<i>IQG ID</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Information Owner</i>	<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Days Active</i>	<i>Status / Action Needed</i>
RFC 19002	Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding	OAR	5/13/2019	612	Held up in OAR IO
RFC 21001	Greenhouse Effect	OAR	10/20/2020	86	Draft response in OAR mgmt. Need to send to OMB for comment.

Active as of January 14, 2021

Thanks for your help,

Vaughn Noga, Chief Information Officer  
and Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information  
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Message

**From:** Chalfant, Katherine [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C340D89F94584F1DA6BCD101B2FAD166-CHALFANT, KATHERINE]  
**Sent:** 1/29/2021 2:35:11 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]; Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: IQGs - Request Your Assistance

Jeff - - I will **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** May I send this forward?

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 8:59 AM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: IQGs - Request Your Assistance

Katherine,

These look great.

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**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** She's been helpful before in "loosening" things up there on the ICR front.

Thanks!

Jeff

**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:26 AM

**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistance

Hi Jeff - - We would like to send the following email to the IO as a follow-up to see if Vaughn has received a response from OCSPP and OAR on the status of their IQG challenges.

Please let us know if you agree and I may send forward.

Thank you!

Katherine

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**Sent:** 2/2/2021 9:14:12 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistant Follow-Up

Bob - - I'm just seeing that these two emails went out. This is a good sign!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Noga, Vaughn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2021 1:15 PM  
**To:** Shaw, Betsy <Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>; Crimmins, Allison <Crimmins.Allison@epa.gov>; Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>; Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** IQGs - Request Your Assistant Follow-Up

Betsy,

This email follows up on the email I sent to you on January 14, 2021. To date I have not received a response as to how you wish to proceed in resolving the below two Request for Correction (RFC) submissions. We have 120-day turn-around time for an RFC mandated by OMB. This relies heavily on the engagement of the respective information owners.

You have RFC 21001 – Greenhouse Effect. Your staff has been actively working this and a draft response has been with your management for review since before Christmas. We need your management to release the draft response so that we can send it to OMB for their review. EPA has had this RFC for 100 days now. The OMB review must happen before

EPA can send a final response to the requestor. That may put it over the 120-day target. This is a very simple RFC to resolve from a scientific standpoint and I would appreciate your assistance in sending the draft response back to me for submission to OMB for review.

I'd also appreciate your assistance in resolving the IQG case RFC 19002 – Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding shown below as it is long overdue. With the change in administration this would be a good time to take this RFC off the back burner and resolve it, so your new management can start with a clean slate.

<i>IQG ID</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Information Owner</i>	<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Days Active</i>	<i>Status / Action Needed</i>
RFC 19002	Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding	OAR	5/13/2019	626	Held up in OAR IO
RFC 21001	Greenhouse Effect	OAR	10/20/2020	100	Draft response in OAR mgmt. Need to send to OMB for comment.

Active as of January 28, 2021

Thanks for your help,

Vaughn Noga, Chief Information Officer  
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Message

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C340D89F94584F1DA6BCD101B2FAD166-CHALFANT, KATHERINE]  
**Sent:** 3/16/2021 3:35:30 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Murray Energy RFC

Thank you Bob!

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:34 AM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Murray Energy RFC

Hi Katherine,

Good point about the RFC #. Sorry about that.

Was half way through a draft email to April Kluever when had to break for the RFR 21001A Scoping team meeting. That is about Dr. Tinker's Greenhouse Effect.

Since the OAR folks that will deal with the Murray Energy issue are the same as for Dr. Tinker, we did discussed Murray Energy too. I have not assigned Murray Energy RFC a number and we have not alerted OMB about it.

Tracy thinks that **Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)**

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Thanks

Bob

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Murray Energy RFC

Hi Bob - - Would you please do me a favor going forward. Please include the RFC/RFR # in the Subject line of your email.

This makes it much easier for me to file, now that I have separate folders for each challenge.

On an other note, please start coordinating with Dr. Kluever for your virtual meeting session, as you know you'll need to accept the invite to present.

Thank you!  
Katherine

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** Sheppard, Tracy <[Sheppard.Tracy@epa.gov](mailto:Sheppard.Tracy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Murray Energy RFC

Hi Tracy,

Do you have any more information or thoughts about what to do about Murray Energy? Has the RFC they submitted become mute?

Thanks

Bob

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**From:** Sheppard, Tracy <[Sheppard.Tracy@epa.gov](mailto:Sheppard.Tracy@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:25 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Murray Energy RFC

Good question.

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Tallent.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:50 PM  
**To:** Sheppard, Tracy <[Sheppard.Tracy@epa.gov](mailto:Sheppard.Tracy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Chalfant, Katherine <[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Murray Energy RFC

Hi Tracy,

As I was putting together emails to acknowledge the Murray Energy RFC I came across some information that may affect the RFC.

Murray Energy filed for bankruptcy in October 2019 and came out of Chapter 11 last year.

<https://apnews.com/article/kentucky-west-virginia-murray-coal-mining-ohio-bb55b644bd447fa2abc9214fe8362d33>

The question becomes,

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Thanks

Bob



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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C340D89F94584F1DA6BCD101B2FAD166-CHALFANT, KATHERINE]  
**Sent:** 4/6/2021 7:13:09 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]; Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Response RFC 19002 - GHG Endangerment Finding to OMB for Review/Comment

Jeff - - Great, I will send forward!

Thank you!  
Katherine

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**From:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 3:04 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Response RFC 19002 - GHG Endangerment Finding to OMB for Review/Comment

Looks good Katherine, thank you!

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Draft Response RFC 19002 - GHG Endangerment Finding to OMB for Review/Comment  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jeff - - We've received the DRAFT response from OAR on RFC 19002- Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding as we discussed at this morning's EQMD Weekly **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** We now need to send this DRAFT to OMB for review prior to send it to the requestor. Below is the email I would like to send to Dr. Kluever, OMB forwarding the draft for her review and comment. This draft has been reviewed by Tracy Sheppard (OGC) and OAR management.

Please let me know if you're ok with me sending this to OMB.

Thank you!

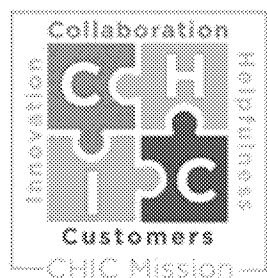
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**Sent:** 5/19/2021 2:52:38 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: OMB meeting May 24 about IQG

Exactly!!!

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**From:** Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OMB meeting May 24 about IQG

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Bob

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## Appointment

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**From:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**Sent:** 12/4/2019 6:21:07 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]; Gonder, Sharon [Gonder.Sharon@epa.gov]; Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Kirby, Kevin [KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV]  
**CC:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Internal Discussion RFC #19002 and RFR #19001 both submitted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).  
**Location:** DCRoomARN5014/DC-AR-OEI  
**Start:** 12/9/2019 2:30:00 PM  
**End:** 12/9/2019 3:00:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Busy

**Required Attendees:** Noga, Vaughn; Gonder, Sharon; Chalfant, Katherine; Kirby, Kevin  
**Optional Attendees:** Wells, Jeffrey

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**Title of meeting or event:** Internal Discussion RFC #19002 and RFR #19001 both submitted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).

- **Purpose:** Hold an internal discussion to discuss the status of the RFC and RFR and actions to be taken.
- **Desired Outcome:** Provide information to ensure the CIO has the current status for these requests.
- **Will there be advance materials (Y/N)?** No
- **If yes, provide the name of individual who will be providing materials:** Katherine Chalfant and Kevin Kirby
- **Date desired for meeting, or no later than:** At the earliest convenience of the CIO's calendar on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and prior to the meeting with Matt Leopold and Brittany Biles.
- **Length of meeting/event:** 30 min
- **Location:** Audio Assist or per the CIO's request
- **Participants:**
  - Vaughn Noga
  - Sharon Gonder
  - Katherine Chalfant
  - Kevin Kirby

- Do you need an audio line (Y/N)? No
- If yes, do you expect more than 5 individuals to call in? No

**POC for questions:** Katherine Chalfant (202-564-1511) or Kevin Kirby (202-566-1656)

As of 12/4/19 scheduled – Linda

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**From:** Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/10/2020 2:51:04 PM  
**To:** Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]; Gentile, Laura [Gentile.Laura@epa.gov]; Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]; Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Questions on the FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report  
**Attachments:** FY19 - MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION QUALITY DATA CALL 6-8-2020.docx; FY19\_EPA\_IQG\_Report\_06252020 (002).xlsx  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Start:** 7/10/2020 4:00:00 PM  
**End:** 7/10/2020 4:30:00 PM  
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**Required Attendees:** Henderson, Austin; Gentile, Laura; Chalfant, Katherine  
**Optional Attendees:** Grimm, Patrick; Wells, Jeffrey

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**Subject:** Pre-Brief Information Quality Act (IQA)  
**Attachments:** OMS\_OEIP\_IQG\_02062020\_v4.pptx  
**Location:** DCROOMWJCN3330Q

**Start:** 2/3/2020 8:30:00 PM  
**End:** 2/3/2020 9:15:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Busy

**Required Attendees:** Wells, Jeffrey; Gonder, Sharon; Chalfant, Katherine; Noga, Vaughn; Henderson, Austin; Alvarado, David; Collard, Erin

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**From:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/24/2020 9:41:07 PM  
**To:** Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]; Crimmins, Allison [Crimmins.Allison@epa.gov]; McBrien, Jenia [McBrien.Jenia@epa.gov]; Schenk, Ruth [schenk.ruth@epa.gov]; Lieberman, Judy [Lieberman.Judy@epa.gov]; Folkemer, Nathaniel [Folkemer.Nathaniel@epa.gov]; Rountree, Marthea [Rountree.Marthea@epa.gov]; Cedeno-Zambrano, Lorena [Cedeno-Zambrano.Lorena@epa.gov]; Sheppard, Tracy [Sheppard.Tracy@epa.gov]; Walker, Kellie [walker.kellie@epa.gov]; Pasurka, Carl [Pasurka.Carl@epa.gov]; Heninger, Brian [Heninger.Brian@epa.gov]; Hofmann, Angela [Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov]; Chun, Melissa [Chun.Melissa@epa.gov]; Henderson, Michelle [Henderson.Michelle@epa.gov]; Phelps, Lara [Phelps.Lara@epa.gov]; Schmitt, Stephen [Schmitt.Stephen@epa.gov]; Magbie, Regina [Magbie.Regina@epa.gov]; WigginsLewis, Miriam [WigginsLewis.Miriam@epa.gov]; Reinhart, Robert [Reinhart.Robert@epa.gov]; Mauel, Linda [Mauel.Linda@epa.gov]; Graves, John [graves.john@epa.gov]; Forren, John [Forren.John@epa.gov]; Montalvo, Liza [Montalvo.Liza@epa.gov]; Adams, Jackie [Adams.Jacqueline@epa.gov]; Braverman, Carole [braverman.carole@epa.gov]; Senkayi, Sala [Senkayi.Sala@epa.gov]; Jay, Michael [Jay.Michael@epa.gov]; Himmelbauer, Linda [Himmelbauer.Linda@epa.gov]; Monson, Bill [Monson.Bill@epa.gov]; Fong, Vance [Fong.Vance@epa.gov]; Brown, DonaldM [Brown.DonaldM@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Long, Kia [Long.Kia@epa.gov]; Moltzen, Michael [Moltzen.Michael@epa.gov]; Brusstar, Matt [brusstar.matt@epa.gov]; Cohen, Janet [cohen.janet@epa.gov]; Manners, Mary [manners.mary@epa.gov]; Zaremski, Sara [zaremski.sara@epa.gov]; Cullen, Angela [cullen.angela@epa.gov]; Haight, Jeffrey [Haight.Jeffrey@epa.gov]; Harris, Diane E. [Harris.Dianee@epa.gov]; Kubik, Kevin [Kubik.Kevin@epa.gov]; Hetes, Bob [Hetes.Bob@epa.gov]; Stuart, Joel [stuart.joel@epa.gov]; Greenblott, Joseph [Greenblott.Joseph@epa.gov]; Kocian, Aaron [kocian.aaron@epa.gov]; Bacanskas, Lisa [Bacanskas.Lisa@epa.gov]; Birnbaum, Rona [Birnbaum.Rona@epa.gov]; Sargeant, Kathryn [sargeant.kathryn@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Information Quality Guidelines (IQGs) Status Update  
**Attachments:** M-19-15.pdf; June 3, 2019 email.docx; IQGs Updates briefing to IQGs Officers 12012020\_kc\_rt.pptx  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Start:** 12/10/2020 6:00:00 PM  
**End:** 12/10/2020 7:00:00 PM  
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**Required Attendees:** Tallent, Robert; Crimmins, Allison; McBrien, Jenia; Schenk, Ruth; Lieberman, Judy; Folkemer, Nathaniel; Rountree, Marthea; Cedeno-Zambrano, Lorena; Sheppard, Tracy; Walker, Kellie; Pasurka, Carl; Heninger, Brian; Hofmann, Angela; Chun, Melissa; Henderson, Michelle; Phelps, Lara; Schmitt, Stephen; Magbie, Regina; WigginsLewis, Miriam; Reinhart, Robert; Mauel, Linda; Graves, John; Forren, John; Montalvo, Liza; Adams, Jackie; Braverman, Carole; Senkayi, Sala; Jay, Michael; Himmelbauer, Linda; Monson, Bill; Fong, Vance; Brown, DonaldM  
**Optional Attendees:** Chalfant, Katherine; Long, Kia; Sargeant, Kathryn; Moltzen, Michael; Brusstar, Matt; Cohen, Janet; Manners, Mary; Zaremski, Sara; Cullen, Angela; Haight, Jeffrey; Harris, Diane E.; Kevin Kubik; Hetes, Bob; Stuart, Joel; Greenblott, Joseph; Kocian, Aaron; Bacanskas, Lisa; Birnbaum, Rona

All,

There are two meeting invitations being sent to the IQGs contact community. You only need to attend one of the meetings.

We will be reviewing the updates in M-19-15 and general RFC/RFR response processing.

Thanks for all you do for Quality!

Bob Tallent  
IQGs Project Manager

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**CC:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Scott, Austin [Scott.Austin@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RFC 19002 - Endangerment Finding Scoping Team  
**Attachments:** RFC 19002\_Endangerment Finding\_Scoping Team Agenda\_03082021.doc; rfc\_19002\_-\_endangerment\_cei.pdf; rfc\_19002\_-\_3rd\_party\_-\_murray\_energy\_support\_for\_rfc\_0.pdf; multistate\_ltr\_re\_cei\_rfc\_-\_endgmt\_finding\_8.7.2019.pdf; edf\_response\_to\_cei\_iqua\_rfc.pdf  
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RFC 19002 Scoping Team

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**CC:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
  
**Subject:** RFC 19002 Scoping Team  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
  
**Start:** 5/11/2021 7:30:00 PM  
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**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Required Attendees:** Sheppard, Tracy; Birnbaum, Rona; Crimmins, Allison; Sarofim, Marcus; Hockstad, Leif; Martinich, Jeremy; Williams, Melina  
**Optional Attendees:** Chalfant, Katherine

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**Sent:** 1/13/2021 8:50:30 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]; Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: RFC and RFR Status

Thank you!

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RFC and RFR Status

Hi Jeff - - We will certainly dust off the old emails and have this ready for you tomorrow.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:37 PM  
**To:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RFC and RFR Status

Erin asked if you could you prepare communication for Vaughn to send to the respective program office asking them to expedite? Feel free to dust off prior communications. It would be fine to prepare this and send it up to Pat Tuesday upon your return if you'd like.

Thanks,  
Jeff

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:06 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RFC and RFR Status

Hi Jeff - - Below is the information you requested at today meeting. Please feel free to share this information as well as our tracking table link with Vaughn. We've also provided you with a DRAFT email to send to Vaughn

There are currently four open IQG items. Two RFCs and two RFRs. Of these, three are well over the 120-day response target. Days shown are as of January 14, 2021

**[IQG Number – Title, Information Owner, Requestor, Total days since receipt of RFC/RFR]**

1. RFC #21001 – Greenhouse Effect, OAR, Dr. Tinker, 86 Days
  - Draft RFC response in OAR management review prior to sending to OMB for their comments
2. RFC #19002 – Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding, OAR, CEI, 612 Days
  - Delayed in OAR Immediate Office
3. RFR #17002A – Chloroprene, ORD, Denka, 905 Days
  - Peer review of PBPK Model complete. Scoping Team will meet within the next two weeks as team member schedules permit to re-initiate the RFR process.
4. RFR 16002A – Ethylene Dichloride, OCSPP, ACC, 507 Days
  - Delayed in OCSPP

This information is provided in a table on the EQMD SharePoint site as the

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## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## Appointment

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**From:** Grimm, Patrick [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=495307AE997140AF81D82C6DF37C9E0D-GRIMM, PATRICK]  
**Sent:** 7/10/2020 3:32:41 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Questions on the FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report  
**Attachments:** FY19 - MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION QUALITY DATA CALL 6-8-2020.docx; FY19\_EPA\_IQG\_Report\_06252020 (002).xlsx  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Start:** 7/10/2020 4:00:00 PM  
**End:** 7/10/2020 4:30:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2020 11:06 AM  
**To:** Henderson, Austin; Gentile, Laura; Chalfant, Katherine  
**Cc:** Grimm, Patrick  
**Subject:** Questions on the FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report  
**When:** Friday, July 10, 2020 12:00 PM-12:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

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## Appointment

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**From:** Microsoft Outlook [MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@usepa.onmicrosoft.com]  
**Sent:** 12/5/2019 5:01:12 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**Subject:** Meeting Forward Notification: Internal Discussion RFC #19002 and RFR #19001 both submitted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).  
**Location:** DCRoomARN5014/DC-AR-OEI  
**Start:** 12/9/2019 2:30:00 PM  
**End:** 12/9/2019 3:00:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)

## Your meeting was forwarded

Chalfant, Katherine has forwarded your meeting request to additional recipients.

### Meeting

Internal Discussion RFC #19002 and RFR #19001 both submitted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).

### Meeting Time

Monday, December 9, 2019 9:30 AM-10:00 AM.

### Recipients

Wells, Jeffrey

All times listed are in the following time zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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## Appointment

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**From:** Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/3/2020 5:01:00 PM  
**To:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]; Gonder, Sharon [Gonder.Sharon@epa.gov]; Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]

**Subject:** Pre-Brief Information Quality Act (IQA)  
**Attachments:** OMS\_OEIP\_IQG\_02062020\_v4.pptx  
**Location:** DCROOMWJCN3330Q

**Start:** 2/3/2020 8:30:00 PM  
**End:** 2/3/2020 9:15:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Required Attendees:** Wells, Jeffrey; Gonder, Sharon; Chalfant, Katherine; Noga, Vaughn

Message

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**From:** Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/4/2020 12:53:45 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**CC:** Collard, Erin [Collard.Erin@epa.gov]; Alvarado, David [alvarado.david@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Slide Deck - IQA Briefing to Deputy Administrator  
**Attachments:** OMS\_OEIP\_IQG\_final\_brief\_02042020.pptx

**Importance:** High

Vaughn,  
Here is the updated slide deck with Donna's comments for your review and approval.

V/R

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 7:39 AM  
**To:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Gonder, Sharon <Gonder.Sharon@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Slide Deck - IQA Briefing to Deputy Administrator  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Austin and David - - Yesterday we prebriefed Donna and Vaughn on the Information Quality Act (IQA). Attached is the updated briefing which includes Donna's comments. We need this slide deck to be sent to the Deputy Administrator's office, ASAP. I believe Vaughn mentioned that this briefing needs to be sent to Melissa; however I'm not 100% certain I have the correct name, prior to briefing DA.

Also, we are still waiting to receive the calendar invite for this briefing. To date, this appointment is not showing up on our calendars.

I am teleworking today if you need additional information and my work phone is forwarded. Please call or email me if you need additional information.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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**From:** Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/8/2020 1:21:25 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**CC:** Alvarado, David [alvarado.david@epa.gov]; Collard, Erin [Collard.Erin@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Reply for the EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report  
**Attachments:** FY19\_EPA\_IQG\_Report\_06252020 (002).xlsx

Vaughn,  
Just checking to see if you have any further questions on this report?

V/R

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**From:** Henderson, Austin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Reply for the EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report

Vaughn,  
I please see the corrected spreadsheet and the below email to be sent to OMB. Once approved I will send on your behalf.

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**From:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:17 PM

**To:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Reply for the EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report

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**From:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:12 PM

**To:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>

**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Reply for the EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report

Vaughn, this is a 2019 report, that is due by July 17, 2020.

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**From:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:57 PM  
**To:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Reply for the EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report

Couple of things.

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**From:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Reply for the EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report

Vaughn,

I am not sure if you have had a chance to review and approve this report to be sent to OMB with your email below?

V/R

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**From:** Henderson, Austin  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2020 8:53 AM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Erin Collard <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; David Alvarado (alvarado.david@epa.gov) <alvarado.david@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Reply for the EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report

Vaughn,

Please see below the draft email answering the "EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report" from the OEIP team to be sent to OMB, for your review and approval. In addition, the attachment will be sent along with your email.

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Message

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**From:** Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/13/2020 1:09:18 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**CC:** Collard, Erin [Collard.Erin@epa.gov]; Alvarado, David [alvarado.david@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report - Request CIO Approves and Issues this Report to OMB  
**Attachments:** FY19\_EPA\_IQG\_Report\_07132020.xlsx; FY19 - MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION QUALITY DATA CALL 6-8-2020.docx

Good morning Vaughn,

Laura from OCIR had a few updates that she wanted to see in the email. Please see below the original and then the new email.

Also note, when Katherine was doing the update she found two errors in the Excel spreadsheet. Because of this we are attaching a new Excel file.

The final complete email is at the bottom of this email.

Original

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

NEW

In FY 2019, EPA received six requests:

- Four Request for Correction (RFC), and
- Two appeals or Request for Reconsideration (RFR).

Of the four RFCs received, one RFC (19003) did not meet the definition of disseminated information and therefore the actual total of RFCs received is three, making the total number of requests received equal to five.

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 7:36 AM

**To:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Thoma, Connie <Thoma.Connie@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>

**Subject:** EPA's FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report - Request CIO Approves and Issues this Report to OMB



Hi Austin - - We reworked the paragraph in the email for Vaughn to send to OMB, based on Laura's comments (please see below). Also note, when we were doing this we found two errors in the Excel spreadsheet. Because of this we are attaching a new Excel file. We asked that you please use the file attached to this email to send forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Message

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**From:** Henderson, Austin [Henderson.Austin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/2/2021 5:21:41 PM  
**To:** Alvarado, David [alvarado.david@epa.gov]; Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**CC:** Collard, Erin [Collard.Erin@epa.gov]; Saunders-Gadri, Linda [Saunders-Gadri.Linda@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: APPROVAL REQUESTED- FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistance Follow-Up

Vaughn,

I scanned my email and have not seen any responses, unfortunately, we do not have access to your email.

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**From:** Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:20 PM  
**To:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>; Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Saunders-Gadri, Linda <Saunders-Gadri.Linda@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: APPROVAL REQUESTED- FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistance Follow-Up

I do not.

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**From:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:19 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>; Saunders-Gadri, Linda <Saunders-Gadri.Linda@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: APPROVAL REQUESTED- FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistance Follow-Up

Vaughn,

I do not have access to your email.

Linda, David do you have access to see Vaughn's email?

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**From:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:14 PM  
**To:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>; Saunders-Gadri, Linda <Saunders-Gadri.Linda@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: APPROVAL REQUESTED- FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistance Follow-Up

I haven't sen any, but I haven't looked either. Can you scan my email to see if I missed something?

**From:** Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:12 PM

**To:** Noga, Vaughn <Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV>

**Cc:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>; Saunders-Gadri, Linda <Saunders-Gadri.Linda@epa.gov>

**Subject:** APPROVAL REQUESTED- FW: IQGs - Request Your Assistance Follow-Up

Vaughn,

Have you heard of a response to either of the previous two emails that we sent out on January 14, 2021 reference the below? We nor OEIP have seen a response as of yet. If you have not, we have follow up emails prepared for your approval.

<i>IQG ID</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Information Owner</i>	<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Days Active</i>	<i>Status / Action Needed</i>
RFR 16002A	Ethylene Dichloride (EDC)	OCSP	8/22/2019	521	No response at staff level / Please contact DAA
RFR 17002A	Chloroprene	ORD	9/20/2018	919	Peer Review complete. Scheduling Scoping Team to begin RFR process.
RFC 19002	Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding	OAR	5/13/2019	626	Held up in OAR IO Please contact DAA
RFC 21001	Greenhouse Effect	OAR	10/20/2020	100	Draft response in OAR mgmt. Need to send to OMB for comment.

Active as of January 28, 2021

## EMAIL #1

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# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

EMAIL #2

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

V/R

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**From:** Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 11:04 AM  
**To:** Collard, Erin <Collard.Erin@epa.gov>; Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>; Alvarado, David <alvarado.david@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wells, Jeffrey <Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov>; Grimm, Patrick <Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** IQGs - Request Your Assistance Follow-Up

Hi Erin, David and Austin – Below is a status update for the open IQG Request for Correction (RFC) and Request for Reconsideration (RFR). We at EQMD have not seen or heard of a response to either of the previous two emails that Vaughn sent on January 14, 2021. Have you received any responses?

If there have been no responses to the previous emails, we have prepared follow-up emails for Vaughn Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Please note there are **two emails** below which we would like him to send. We included the ORD Chloroprene RFR on the table for completeness. However, we **don't believe** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Below is a table showing the current status of our open IQG Requests. As you know we have 120-day turn-around time with our RFCs and RFRs which depends on the engagement of the respective information owners. We'd appreciate your assistance in contacting your counterpart for the IQG cases RFR 16002A and RFC 19002 shown below as they are long overdue. **RFC 21001 is now in danger of missing the 120-day goal.** The draft RFC response needs to be sent to OMB for review, but it has been with OAR management since before Christmas. RFC 21001 is a simple RFC scientifically and easy to resolve. It is not necessary to send ORD an email as RFR 17002A as a Scoping Team has convened and started the RFR process again.

<i>IQG ID</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Information Owner</i>	<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Days Active</i>	<i>Status / Action Needed</i>
RFR 16002A	Ethylene Dichloride (EDC)	OCSPP	8/22/2019	521	No response at staff level / Please contact DAA
RFR 17002A	Chloroprene	ORD	9/20/2018	919	Peer Review complete. Scheduling Scoping Team to begin RFR process.
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Active as of January 28, 2021

*Points of Contact:*

**OCSPP – David Fischer**, DAA (202) 564-2665

- Angela Hofmann, IQG Contact (202) 564-0258
- CarolAnn Siciliano, (202) 564-5489, including as a cc: as she has been helpful in the past

**OAR – Betsy Shaw**, DAA (202) 564-1447

- Allison Crimmins, IQG Contact (202) 343-9170

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

*Katherine*

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## EMAIL #1

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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## EMAIL #2

# **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**



## Appointment

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**From:** Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/5/2019 7:59:10 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**Subject:** Accepted: Internal Discussion RFC #19002 and RFR #19001 both submitted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).  
**Location:** DCRoomARN5014/DC-AR-OEI  
**Start:** 12/9/2019 2:30:00 PM  
**End:** 12/9/2019 3:00:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Busy

## Appointment

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**From:** DCRoomARN5014/DC-AR-OEI [DCRoomARN5014@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/4/2019 6:21:12 PM  
**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]  
**Subject:** Accepted: Internal Discussion RFC #19002 and RFR #19001 both submitted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).  
**Location:** DCRoomARN5014/DC-AR-OEI  
**Start:** 12/9/2019 2:30:00 PM  
**End:** 12/9/2019 3:00:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)

**Your request was accepted.**

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Sent by Microsoft Exchange Server 2015

## Appointment

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**From:** Gonder, Sharon [Gonder.Sharon@epa.gov]

**Sent:** 12/4/2019 10:35:58 PM

**To:** Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]

**Subject:** Accepted: Internal Discussion RFC #19002 and RFR #19001 both submitted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).

**Location:** DCRoomARN5014/DC-AR-OEI

**Start:** 12/9/2019 2:30:00 PM

**End:** 12/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

## Appointment

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